

It's About TIME

SHIELD '97



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TIME!









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It's About Us!



Hours, minutes, seconds. Those three little words run our entire lives completely. Everything we do revolves around time. Between running to class before the bell rings to dashing out the school doors and on to work, we're always racing the clock. There's never a moment when time is not part of our lives.

Imagine life without time? In some ways it might come in handy. No worrying about being late for school, or work, or for a movie, and best of all, NO CURFEW! But if time didn't exist, the world would be total chaos. No one would know when to be somewhere, we'd always be missing the person we were supposed to meet; the days of the week wouldn't exist; years either. The world would be a crazy place.

As students we find time very important to us. Especially when the time reads 2:55, or in the seniors' cases, the calendar reads June 8, 1997. That's when we all say to ourselves, "It's About TIME!"

•Deanna Crum

Ed Hylek displays the baby from *The Dinosaurs* television show. Another television character, Elmo, became the new craze this year.

PARADE, SUPERSTARS

BACK TO THE

BEGINNING

HIGHLAND STUDENTS TRAVEL IN TIME

This year's Homecoming gave us a chance to Go Back to the Beginning. Instead of having the typical activities, we added the old tradition of the bonfire which allowed many students to feel the warmth of Highland's Homecoming.

Starting off the week's activities was Spirit Week. Students paraded around the halls in poodle skirts and army gear.

"I was glad to see the seniors dressed up; I'm glad we won Spirit Week over the underclassman," stated Senior Heather Saulsgiver.

This year's theme was Back

I never hula hooped before, but I won!

Senior Mark Havens

to the Beginning, when every class decorated floats portraying something in the past. Some of the floats consisted of the Beatles, Grease, and

Gilligan's Island. After the parade everyone ran to the gym for some good old fashioned fun and competition. The Seniors dominated the evening, winning events like the tug-o-war, pie eating, and hula hooping. Senior Mark Havens said, "I never hula hooped before, but I won. I am glad

I was able to help the seniors with the victory."

This year's Homecoming seemed to be a huge success, leaving students with very fond memories.

• Deanna Crum





Freshman Greg Nieckula wheelbarrows Danny Jackson across the finish line, while April Stirling and Sarah Reynolds celebrate their win.

Sophomore Jill Slupczynski shows her hula hooping talent at Superstars as she twirls circles around her freshman opponent.

Sophomores LeAnne Barney paints Jennie Wagner's face before the parade. Each class worked hard to make their float a success.

Senior Robyn Bogнар holds a pie pan for Deanna Crum. Deanna participated in the pie eating contest for the winning senior class.



THE THRILL OF

VICTORY

HOME COMING GAME



The blue and gold painted faces cheered loudly as they watched their team fiercely race towards the end zone. As the ref's arms flew up in the air, signalling a touchdown, everyone raced to the field cheering and singing the fight song. The Trojans defeated the Bishop Noll Warriors 19-18.

Not only was this a memorable moment for the team, but for the seniors as well. It was the first and last time they were able to experience the thrill of a victorious Homecoming.

•Deanna Crum



Senior girls show off their school spirit with lots of colored balloons. Freshman Joe Gradicki also shows spirit.

During halftime, Mr. Edwards shows everyone his school spirit. He won the Homecoming Kiss the Pig Contest.

DANCE, COURT

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

GRELECKI, CABRERA HOMECOMING ROYALTY

This year's Homecoming goes took an unforgettable ride on Greased Lightning.

Juke boxes, records, and music notes filled the cafeteria along with a screen projector showing (the greatest movie on earth) Grease.

Great oldies filled the cafeteria allowing all to dance to the music of our parents' generation. Besides the oldies, some of today's hot tunes echoed in the ears of all.

As the night progressed and the lights dimmed down, the court took over the floor. Everyone watched as King Gabe Grelecki twirled across the floor, until everyone else was able to join in.

The song that filled the air was "Hopelessly Devoted to You"



by Olivia Newton John. As the song came to an end it was hard to let go and bring an end to the magical night.

The last song of the evening was "We Go Together." The entire cafeteria rang with the voices of Highland High, as everyone danced and sang to the happy tune.

"The whole night was a real blast. I didn't want it to end so fast. The best part was dancing and singing to the Grease songs. This truly was my best Homecoming," stated Senior Mandy Scheidt.

As Homecoming '96 came to an end, a lot of memories came to a beginning. ♦Deanna Crum

Homecoming Court: Queen Janet Grelecki, Dan Eagan, Jen Tom, Frank Tokoly, Melissa Gray, Jeremy Cash, Jennie Govert, Ryan Campbell, Shannon Gogolak, and King Gabe Cabrera.





Jason Sivak and Michelle Romano take a break from dancing and sit in The Commons.

Sophomore Andy Cummins displays his charm by offering his date a drink during the dance.

Freshman Megan Zendian, Lisa Wilson, and Lindsey Standfeld pose for a picture.

Queen Janet was thrilled as she was crowned by her boyfried, last year's King, Brian Cliver.



❄️ *The night was cold, but the dance was full of warmth and fun!* ❄️





Bill Cochran shows his crazy side by wearing his tie on his head. Alison Wajvoda and Erin Crosby dance to the music.

King Kevin Kobli and Queen Evie Bouvat dance to the theme song "You're the Inspiration" along with the rest of the court.

This year's Turnabout Court nominees consisted of: Tony Elder, Melissa Grey, Dan Mendoza, Melanie Laciak, Evie Bouvat, Kevin Kobli, Vince Pistilli, Erin Siedl, Ryan Campbell, Jill Kissee, Jeremy Cash, and Lisa Davies. King and Queen honors went to Kevin Kobli and Evie Bouvat.

TURNABOUT
96

❄️ YOU'RE THE INSPIRATION ❄️

❄️ Kobli, Bouvat Winter Royalty ❄️



A little cold weather didn't stop Highland students from getting decked up and ready to dance. Although Jack Frost seemed to be nipping at everyone's nose, Turnabout 96' was still a success.

This year's theme was "You're the Inspiration" by Chicago. The colors selected for the evening were purple, silver, and black.

The evening took place on December 14 in St. George's Serbian Hall. Everyone danced to songs of the past and present, waiting for the announcement of King and Queen. And what a wait it was! Court wasn't announced until the very end of the evening due to a wrestling meet. The court nominees were: Tony Elder, Melissa Grey, Dan Mendoza, Melanie Laciak, Evie Bouvat, Kevin Kobli, Vince Pistilli, Erin Siedl, Ryan Campbell, Jill Kissee, Jeremy Cash, and Lisa Davies. Evie Bouvat and Kevin Kobli were named Queen and King.

So once again another dance has come to a memorable end at Highland High School.

❄️ Deanna Crum

HIGHLAND CAPSULE

TIME

One day we will all look back on high school and it will only be a memory. We will never forget the days of being a Trojan and wearing the Blue and Gold.

The 96-97 school year at Highland has been one to remember. Many events, both good, bad, happy and sad have taken place.

This year the football team proved to us that they are a team of winners. They defeated Bishop Noll and gave us a Homecoming victory.

Some National Merit winners were; Angel Ventling, Courtney Warner, Semi Finalist Meaghan Lowry, and Chris Calderon. Honoring them were Judi Bell, and Larry Vassar, School Board Vice President and President.

Seniors Nikki Dopka, Mandy Scheidt, Molly Jones, Betty Emslander, Rachael Courtwright, Deanna Crum, Reagan Wallner, Kelly Weyer, Juli Beanblossom, Shannon Kemp, and Donna Culic pose before graduating.

Senior Ed Hoolehan looking determined to win Homecoming. A group of students have fun at the first bon fire since 1989. Junior Jake Drlich shows his school spirit by posing as a Trojan. Kate Herrin poses with Elmo.

Ryan Campbell and Jason Allison displayed the strength of Highland by qualifying for wrestling state.

Most importantly, the Class of '97 graduated and left behind a lasting memory at Highland.

The sadder news this year was the announcement that Dr. Ventling would no longer be principal. He also, will leave a memory to the students and faculty here at Highland.

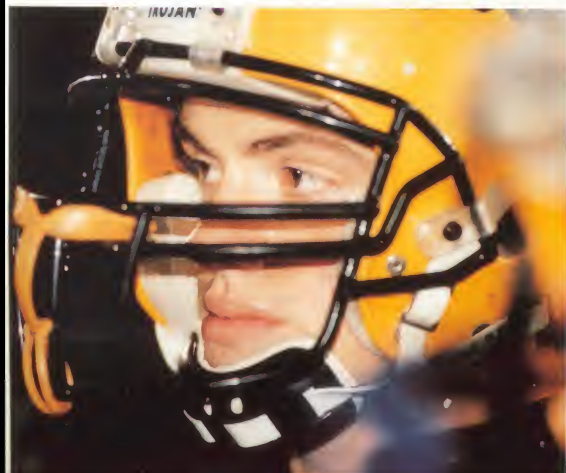
Of course there are many more memories that will happen through-

out our high school years. We will always remember our first love, great moments with our friends, the feeling of a victory, even getting in trouble, and especially spending our Saturdays in school!

Someday we will all look back at our days at Highland and just remember them as the best times of our lives

•Deanna Crum





96-97 Time Capsule

- ➡ Jason Allison, Ryan Campbell make Wrestling State.
- ➡ Football team beat Bishop Noll to win Homecoming
- ➡ Dr. Ventling's last year as Highland High School Principal
- ➡ Elmo takes over the world
- ➡ Class of '97 Graduates!!!!!!

Rachel Sweeney throws herself into a temper tantrum while huddled on the floor.

R. Sweeney cuddles with doll given to her by Annie Sullivan, Suzanne Hanafi,

A. Vercel works on her makeup while M. Courtwright and D. Solomon ponder the news.





'Miracle' Replaces Musical In HTC Season Opener

Rachel Sweeney, Suzanne Hanafi In Starring Roles

Traditionally the Highland High Theatre Company, or HTC as it is commonly known, kicks off its season with a musical. This year was an exception. Instead of the annual routine the director chose a more challenging route. This play is not a comedy, but a real life drama about the life of a historic woman, Anne Sullivan, and her pupil, Helen Keller.

The story takes place in the south where a desperate family is trying to find someone who can teach their child who is deaf and dumb. They hear of Anne Sullivan and she comes to live with them. The moment Anne arrives she has her work cut out for her. She sees Helen as a wild beast that needs to be tamed. The Kellers, Helen's family, find it hard to see their daughter being treated so harshly, but Anne insists on the discipline. In the end Helen makes the emotional connection between words and what they mean.

Helen was portrayed by junior Rachel

Sweeney. The role included intense scenes of emotional struggles as well as physical violence. Helen's teacher, Anne Sullivan, was played by junior Suzanne Hanafi. Besides dealing with the emotional and physical severity of the role both Suzanne and Rachel had to take special classes on how to sign for the deaf, as did Helen's parents.

Some of the other actors/actresses included Erin Lotinno and Dan Solomon as Helen's parents, Matt Courtwright as the sarcastic teenage son, Amber Vercel as Helen's Aunt Ev, and Kenna Hasselhof as the family's servant, Viney.

"The Miracle Worker" is a unique true story that captures the beauty and realism of how a teacher can both teach and learn from their students at the same time. Although "The Miracle Worker" may have not been the most exciting play to watch, it was the most challenging.

•Kenna Hasselhof



M. Courtwright, James, smirks at his mother, E. Lotinno.

R. Sweeney learns to speak with words from her teacher.

P. Xidias struggles with Helen as they play a learning game.

Time Thieves

SURVIVING THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL'S VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES MAKES A DEMANDING SCHEDULE FOR MANY STUDENTS

Eeeeeerrrrrr! The annoying sound of an alarm clock relentlessly intrudes the quiet stillness of the dark bedroom.

A young teen frantically staggers bleary-eyed across the floor to quiet the disturbance. He rushes to shower, dress, and grab his books in order to make his ride that beeps impatiently in the drive.

The bell rings, signalling the beginning of yet another day filled with demanding and challenging classes.

The student hurries to his next classroom, hating the buzzing sound of the electronic bell as it seems to taunt him of his inability to get anywhere on time.

"Not enough time" he thinks, grimacing at the thought of another Saturday school.

None too soon, the school day is over and the student rushes off to the pool locker room where students have already begun to crowd in the small, tiled stalls.

Water immerses him and he stares at the bright, glaring lights above him as the cool liquid sweeps past him. They make his eyes ache and his head begins to throb as he thinks about the load of homework that awaits him when he returns from his job at the local burger joint. The muscles in his already tired body seem to grow heavier with each stroke.

Later that night, as his eyelids begin to droop and the textbook slips off his lap, the teen struggles to stay awake.

Once again, the room is filled with the peaceful darkness that is welcomed by sleepy eyes and a weary body. All too soon the stillness will

once again be interrupted by the intrusion of the ever-reminding alarm clock, and a day much like the one before will begin all over again.

Sound familiar? Although the activities may be a bit different, most students can relate with the busy, exhausting schedules that many active teens are faced with today.

Athletics, band, theatre, clubs, and committees all require students to make them successful. In turn, many teens sacrifice time and energy to make these programs work. It is a grueling pace that many are expected to keep, and one which is sometimes not even thought twice about by the student.

Never again will there be so many activities that are possible to join and that take so much of a student's time. Sports, various programs, Student Council, musical groups, theatre, language clubs, honor societies, community clubs, fundraisers, and the list goes on and on.

What are the expectations and pressures put on teens today? Do parents, teachers, coaches, and bosses realize the excessive amount of juggling a young person has to do to keep everyone, including himself or herself, happy?

Junior Tina Penwell once held two jobs while competing on the volleyball team and going to school every day.

"It was tough. I had to make sure that my job schedules, while not conflicting with each other, also didn't conflict with volleyball practice and games." Not to mention that those aren't even as important as school. Penwell talked about the struggle to get it all done.

"I would get so tired, going to

practice after school, then working till ten or eleven o'clock and then coming home to do my homework for another couple of hours. Pretty soon, I'd be waking up to start it all over again." Whatever happened to sleep?

Jill Sprainis competed on the swim team this year. Her schedule consisted of practice before and after school. Add school work and a job into the equation and a social life goes down the drain.

"I was so tired when I got home, that last thing I wanted to do was go to work and then do my homework," Sprainis explained, "It made me work a lot harder to stay on top of my classes."

Kids today do have a lot of pressures put on them. Ultimately though, it creates for a stronger, more capable individual. The more a student gets involved, the more well rounded the student becomes.

Our ability to survive and excel in the environment we are put in today will one day reap great benefits for our future.

•Christine Miller

Junior, Adam Holguin who played for Highland's Boy's Varsity Soccer team this year, stares off on to the field.

The Boy's Tennis team sits together at the Awards Banquet for all sports.

Senior Melissa St. Aubyn volunteers her time to play for a high school function.





April Stirling, Melanie Laciak, and Jill Kissees all worked hard and put in many hours for the Girl's Varsity Volleyball team.



Top Ten Time Thieves

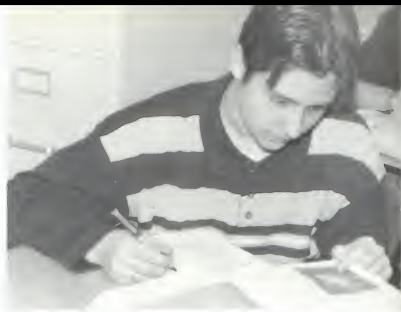
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From English

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It's About Class!



In order to succeed in the future one must have the potential to meet their challenges, and conquer them. Many of these challenges take place early in our adult lives.

The classes you take in school happen to contain some of these challenges. Whether it's an accelerated class or an elective, they help us to survive in the real world. Without an education we would all be struggling to find a dead end job, making minimum wage for the rest of our lives. Without these classes no one would be able to meet the challenges that life throws towards them.

Academics give us the confidence we need in order to succeed in the future.

•Deanna Crum

CARING

Is The Best Teacher

There are many groups in Highland High which have as one of their main purposes the development of individuals through the spirit of service.

From Student Council, TREND, Operation RESIST and Indiana Teen Institute, students learn how to develop their own spirit of service, and then to take their caring spirits into the community, into needs of the school, and into their lives around other people. From helping make the North Central Association visitors feel at home in the fall to participating in Operation RESIST as it works at keeping gangs out of Highland and out of the minds of our young, HHS club members learn that by serving

they are also developing attitudes which will carry on through their adult lives.

Peer tutors give up their own time to help, one on one, students in the school who often need assistance as they go through the school day.

When grades are given there are usually no marks for these extra acts of kindness and caring, but the real success comes in the lives of people who know that serving is one of the highest forms of living.

Student Council and Key Club President Julie Beanblossom has given much service to the school and its staff.

Below, Erin Hawkins helps set the table for the North Central Association visit held in the fall.



Members of this year's Peer Tutor group have given unselfishly to other students who needed a helping hand.



Indiana Teen Institute Gives tools for positive living

Members of the Highland group who participate in the Indiana Teen Institute are given a rare opportunity to learn more about themselves and the world around them.

Ms. Cindy Boyd accompanied students to the ITI, and she also sponsors TREND, a group in the school which helps students learn to make the right choices as they develop responsible and caring lives well on the way to maturity.

The Indiana Teen Institute gave Highland students additional tools to carry into their lives. It also made for many wonderful memories of students and teacher who shared special time together. ITI made a big difference in the right direction.

Above, Ms. Mayer and her Firebird, with Mrs. Barb Jurjevic, represent RESIST in the fall parade.

Right, Ms. Cindy Boyd Kristin Hall, Erin Kahn, Denise Walters and Lisa Anderson at ITI.



NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

Creativity is an important asset to Highland High School's diversity. Both the art department and the National Art Honor Society encourage the students to explore the art world.

The people behind all this creativity include the NAHS sponsors and members. Laura Milosheff was President with Melissa Gray as Vice President. Mai Lei Naglich was Secretary, Jason Hinojosa was treasurer, and Michele Simala was Director of Activities. The new sponsors were Mr. Ryser and Ms. Knight. NAHS continues to be active in all aspects of the school.

•Shannon Gogolak



NAHS : Top: Laura Gogolak, Chris Andrus, Rachel Slager, Ryan Wilson, Frank Sturges, Michelle Stacy, Angela Suto, Joe Guzman, Patricia Deeterline, Matt Ispas, Patty Xidias, Chris Geiser, Jennifer Duncan, Shannon Gogolak, Sponsor Mr. Ryser. Bottom: Julia Smith, Jill Kisse, Mai Lei Naglich, Melissa Gray, Laura Milosheff, Michelle Mitchell, Carri Ziemniak.

Left: Maggie Menke explains her art project to Mr. Madura;
Right: Jennifer Langel sculpts a person with paper mache.



NHS: Chris Calderon, Sponsor Mrs. Erhart, Jennifer Tom, Erin Seidl, and Melanie Laciak. Kathy Raina demonstrates her ceramics skills while Jason Yeo helps out Brian Brownwell.



National Honor Society



Not only do the members of the National Honor Society demonstrate excellent scholarship and involvement in our school, but they also encourage others to be involved and to get good grades.

Every Tuesday and Thursday after school, junior and senior high school students can be tutored by these helpful NHS students. The members, under the instruction of Mrs. Erhart, sponsor a dance and have a car wash to raise money for scholarships for NHS seniors.

Finally, always looking out for others, this society organizes a food drive for the less fortunate during the winter months.

• Shannon Gogolak

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is as major part of Highland High School. They are responsible for many of the activities that take place, including all of the Homecoming events, the blood drive, and the spaghetti benefit dinner.

Student Council also

brought back an old time tradition this year, the bonfire. Highland has not had a bonfire since 1987.

The annual blood drive took place this year with "Don't Be a Dud, Give Some Blood" as the theme. A goal was set for one hundred pints of blood which was received

thanks to all who participated.

This year's spaghetti dinner was held for Michael Rosales, a fifth grader at Southridge Elementary, who was diagnosed with leukemia. Every year the Student Council puts on a benefit dinner in order to help a Highland resident in need.

•Deanna Crum

Student Council officers; Beth Lomax, Chris Andrus, Juli Beanblossum, Jessica Meyer, Gretchen Schu, and sponsors, Mr. Kaminski, and Ms. Boyd.





Cari Kulczyk, and Sarah Downey distribute refreshments to Jennie Govert during the benefit dinner for Mike Rosales.

Senior Jill Kisse takes an iron test for the blood drive. Most say this is more painful than actually giving the blood.

Senior Korin Bahr cringes at the sight of the needle before giving blood. This was a first time experience for her.



Don't Be a Dud, Give Blood



Mentor

✧ *Getting A Step Ahead For The Future* ✧

What exactly is the Mentor Program? The Mentor Program is designed to help students decide on which careers to pursue. Students get to leave during 7th hour to follow a mentor, in the field of their choice. "It is a great opportunity to see if you would like a career or not."

The Mentor Program is headed by Mrs. Joan Ray and Mrs. Nancy Krausnick. Together they guide juniors and seniors, who are in the top 15% of their class, into careers.

When students are not mentoring, they can fill out applications for college and scholarships or they can just take a study hall. Nikki Dopka comments, "Not only did I find a career that I would like to pursue, but I also had a chance to find grants and scholarships that I was available for."

So when scheduling for the year ahead, keep in mind of the Mentor Program and what it offers. You can try out a career before pursuing it, which is an excellent opportunity.

• Shawna Pitts



Above, Reagan Wallner mentors at the Highland Animal Hospital, where she watches as a tumor is removed from a dog.

"I really enjoyed Mentor. I had a lot of fun in deciding on a career that I want to follow."

Bobbi Bruner

Interested in computer programming, Robyn Bognar mentors at Indiana Software for hands on experience.

To the right, the Snowflake staff gets together once again, after the first Snowflake event took place.





"This was my first year on staff and I had the best time. I wish I would have done this earlier."

Chris Andrus

The teen directors of Snowflake, Melissa MacManus, Angel Ventling, and Shannon Gogolak, take time out to smile.

Instead of the usual closing with the ladder, a Christmas tree was decorated with a memento from each group.

Kristen Hall, Tony Langner, and T.J. Mucha explain their group's contribution to the Snowflake Christmas tree.



Feel the warmth of a

Snowflake



The snow fell a little earlier this year. On November 8, forty-one staff members and three teen directors came together to put on Highland's 1996 Snowflake -- almost a month earlier than last year! This year, the staff wanted to spread their warmth a little farther. Therefore, a second Snowflake was held in the spring.

Making this year truly unique, the Hammond Snowball Staff joined the Highland Snowflake Staff to make an important statement--Celebrate Life! Joe (Froggy) Hammer came to give strength and hope to everyone. Felix also came out to support Snowflake and their music kept the place alive.

The Snowflake experience means something different to each person; hopefully one that each one of those one hundred-and-sixty participants will never forget. I know that I've never experienced anything greater than the warmth of a Snowflake!

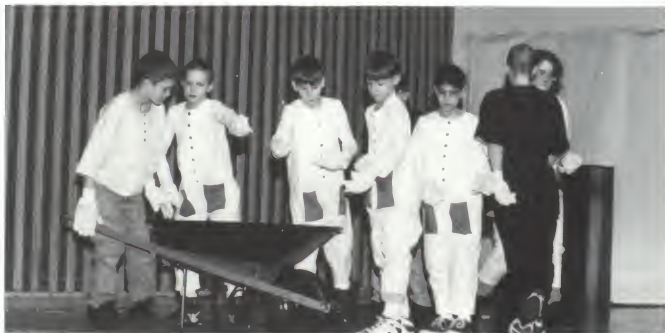
•Shannon Gogolak

Highland Theatre Company

Charlie & The Chocolate Factory Marks Mid-Season for Theatre Group



A group of little Oompa-Loompas work diligently in the factory



Last year, Highland Theatre Company started what would eventually become a tradition. Marty Grubbs, Auditorium Director, chose a student to direct the winter show. This year, Suzanne Hanifi was selected to serve as the student director. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was the second show of the 96-97 season.

Starring as Willy Wonka, the famous candy maker was senior Justin Poe. The hero of the story, Charlie Bucket, was played by senior Dennis Bolda. Matt Courtright, junior, took the role of Charlie's Grandpa Joe.

In addition to the cast of high schoolers, eight sixth-graders from Merkley Elementary were casted as Oompa Loompas. The kids were students of Mr. J.J. Boyland, who was the advisor to the student produced production.

The show ran the last two weekends of February. It was well attended and enjoyed by audience members of all ages because of its special effects.

•Diane Rhein

Charlie Bucket, (Dennis Bolda) gets to meet his hero Willy Wonka (Justin Poe) with his Grandpa Joe (Matt Courtright).

The group takes a trip to the most wonderful place in the world, Willy Wonkas Factory.

Mr Salt, (Brian Zabrowski) ignores his daughter Veruca's (Erin Lottino) constant demands.



Above, members of Highland Theatre Company pose for their group picture. Left, officers are Suzanne Hanifi, president Erin Lottino and Dennis Bolda with Aud. Director Mr. Marty Grubbs.

Shield / Link

Giving You The Scoop



Crum, Schu Lead Journalism Staffs

The students of Ms. Mayer's yearbook and newspaper classes consider the *Shield* and *Link* not only as a class but as a family.

In these classes the students not only learn about Journalism but about life. "When I walk into the J room I feel totally different than in any other class. I've never been in a classroom where I like everyone and get along so well with the teacher. Being in this class has not only taught me about journalism, but life as well" says second year staffer, Molly Jones.

Along with learning about life, the people of the J room learn about desk top publishing, computers, and putting together a newspaper or yearbook.

This years *Link* editor was junior Gretchen Schu, who did a great job leading the staff being that it was her first year as a staffer.

Three year staffer Deanna Crum was the editor of the *Shield*. This year's theme was "It's About Time."

Six staffers were honored by becoming Quill and Scroll officers.

They were; Pres. Deanna Crum, V.P. Molly Jones, Sec. Shannon Gogolak, Tres. Gretchen Schu, *Shield* Rep. Christine Miller, and *Link* Rep. Tasos Katopodis.

With the end of the year coming to a close, preparations for next years yearbook are taking place by next year's editor, Christine Miller.

•Deanna Crum





Molly Jones concentrates on her layout, while Diane Rhine works with the ads received for the *Link*.







 *Shield Staff; Kelly Quail, Kenna Hasselof, Shawna Pitts, Christine Miller, Molly Jones, Denise Walters, Deanna Herrin, Shannon Gogolak, Tasos Katopodis.*


 *Link Staff; Kelly Quail, Diane Rhine, Amaa Taalman, Rob Hollingsworth, Deana Crum, Megan Jones, Meghann Lowery, Gretchen Schu, Melissa Wilkinson, Tasos Katopodis.*

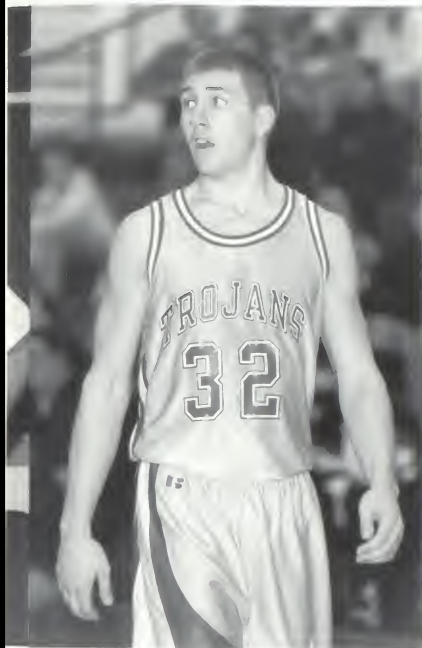
 *Deanna Crum (Shield Editor), Gretchen Schu (Link Editor), both attended Ball State Journalism camp last summer. Tasos and Deanna print film in the dark room.*






be


Just

YOURSELF



Variety makes spice at HHS; Appreciate the individuals

Variety is the spice of life. Hanging around the same people all the time would get real old real fast. Limiting yourself to one and only one type of people is sort of like opening your closet and choosing between ten outfits that are all the same. The truth is being around different people is a positive thing, it makes life interesting. Not everyone sees as good though.

Many students walk the halls with blinders on. They can't truly see people for who they are, instead they see them as just different and that makes them bad. These people often form groups and that makes it even harder for them to have an open mind. The groups are classified with cute little nicknames like "preps" or "stoners". These

names aren't great because they often hurt people.

More and more students here at H.H.S. are beginning to see the picture more clearly. The motto for this year is "Our Strength is Our Diversity". It's not a shocker that there are several types of people here. There are black people, white people, people who are short, people who are skinny, people who play sports, and people who read. Who is any one group to say they are better than the other? A lot of students have realized the diversity and have even come to appreciate it. Just be yourself and let others be themselves. Who knows, you just might come to appreciate them for who they are.

Kenna Hasseloff

Pictured

Jamie Wilson

Dena Comer

Chad Janik

Steve Miller

Sarah Van
Bodegraven



Slavyanskaya

Yet Another Great Season For The Band!

As the band began their season, they set some very definite and very realistic goals for themselves.

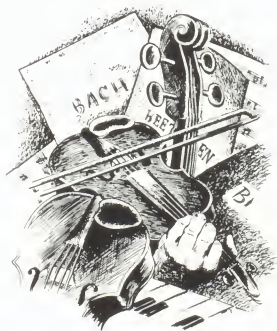
The ultimate goal was to win a First Division rating at the district ISSMA marching contest, and move on to the regional level. The band, through hard work and determination in the past few years, met their goal. This automatically set a new goal for the next season -- to move on to the state level.

The band's new attitude was

exemplified in drum majors Carrie Yatsko and Gretchen Schu. Director Fred Elliott and assistant Dennis Robbins led the band to the accomplishment of their goal with music from the Russian symphony *Slavyanskaya*. This year and next year seem to be very promising.

• Meghann Lowry

The Highland High School's own Marching Pride gathers together for this season's final picture.





Senior Adam Hayes concentrates heavily on his performance while marching down the field.

The band can be relied on to add spirit to the basketball games by playing from the bleachers.

Junior Kim Thompson practices in class while Mr. Fred Elliot runs the band through there pieces.

Band members and color guard work extremely hard getting giving the perfect show.



Orchestra

Soothing Sounds in Symphonics

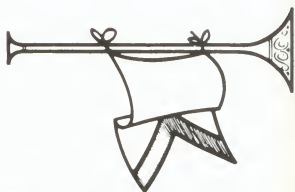
Maybe you have seen those students walking through the halls carrying violin or viola cases. There are many people meshed into Orchestra who might be your friends and you don't even know that they are involved in it.

The Highland High School Orchesra has made many great accomplishments through the year. During spring break many Orchestra students travelled to Washington D.C. Other students have participated in the North-

west Indiana Youth Symphony Mr. Blake Bredemier has conducted the students through four concerts, one of which was conducted at Main Square. •Cheryl Brouillette, Denise Walters

Junior Cheryl Brouillette and freshman Santos Salinas concentrate and work hard on their music during a concert.

Sophomore Sarah Sknerski gets into the mellow mood of her music while rehearsing the violin during class.





The orchestra director, Mr. Blake Bredermier, pounds out some notes before conducting the new music.

Sophomore Katie Phebus is dedicated to learning her music on the violin in class and during the orchestra concerts.

Junior Melissa Kile plays her instrument with much determination as the orchestra member behind her adds to her playing.

Express Yourself

Vocally

It's been a year of memories for this year's choir classes, starting with the Homecoming float winning a first, to traveling down to Florida for some fun in the sun and singing in Disney's Magic Music Days.

But with the memories there have also been some changes. The Beginning Girls Chorus became the Beginning Mixed Ensemble, so students will be ready to try out for next year's choirs. And starting next year, all students will have to test their sight reading, vocal, and music theory before being placed in the proper choir class for the fall.

Back in February many of the students from each of the classes participated in ISSMA. For some students it was their first judged performance. All students did a great job and many participated at state.

•Denise Walters

Senior Jessica Stanley poses for a quick picture with Pluto while performing at Disney World in Florida.



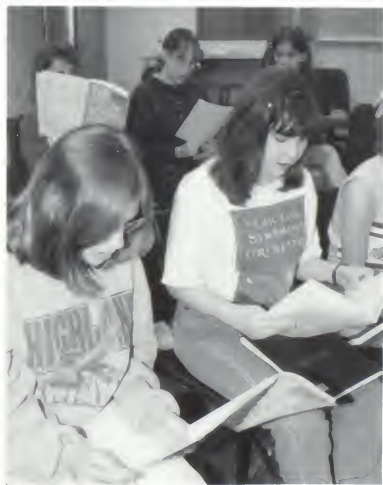


Vocal Music Director Victor Pazik really gets into his directing while the show choir begins with a smile.

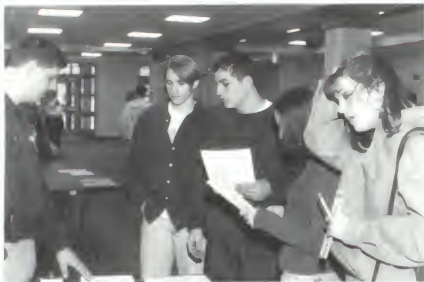
Proud choir members stand in front of their winning Homecoming float before the parade starts down Kennedy Ave.

In class sophomores Janet Linn and Amanda Street carefully study their sight reading music, a necessary skill.

Senior Jessica Stanley and Juniors Katie O'Leary and Kendra Potts take a quick break before going on stage.



CAREERS Industrial Technology Makes Hands On Learning



The future is closer than we think and now is a crucial time to make decisions that could affect our lives forever.

Admit all the pressures that an average high school student faces the future is one that seems to stand out above the rest. In addition to the normal daily grind, the uncertainty of what lies ahead seems to be a major concern of most teens. So what can be done to ease the thought of tomorrow?

Highland offers a unique program that lets students get their feet wet in the real world. Career day is a hands on experience that lets Sophomores see what the world has to offer them, meaning what career fields are really out there. While some students know exactly what they're going to "be when they grow up" many have no clue. Career day shows students what career fields are prospering and how to get where they want to be. By participating in Career day students can have a more broad mind when it comes to the real world, and hopefully a more settled mind when it comes to the future.

• Kenna Hasseloff

Career Day, sponsored by the HHS Guidance Department, has grown. Representatives of organizations and businesses not only demonstrate some of the skills associated with their jobs; they also talk to students who might want to pursue careers in those fields. Left, Bob Sochacki, Brian Dvorak, Nicole Repay, Jen Mroz and Alex Salazar visit with a Marine. Rob Cleveringa, Lisa Nelson, David Fech and Ryan Massie check out a career.





Left, Doug Tratta, Eric Warnick and Bill Cochran test the aerodynamics of the race cars they have studied and built.

Below, Ryan Hayne, a sophomore, carefully checks the measurements of a project he will make out of wood.



Industrial Tech Classes Prep For Future

For the students who take the Industrial Technology classes taught in the high school by Mr. Bert Poi and Mr. Douglas Pearson, the emphasis is on learning by doing.

Students of Mr. Pearson learn to use computers for a great many of their studies. They are also involved in hands-on activities by making racing cars and gliders to study aerodynamics. The building of a geodesic dome is also part of the class, teaching students to understand the principals of construction.

Mr. Poi's classes learning about graphic communication, and make silk screen projects. In computer classes, they learn to work with CAD—Computer Assisted Design—to make accurate measurements for design.

Students learn in these classes that many jobs involve computer skills and the understanding of many principles, unlike in years past. Modern technology now demands a higher level of learning for all workers.



Sean Rankin and his classmates join Mr. Pearson in the building of a geodesic dome. Above, Greg Hines uses a ruler to figure the dimensions he will need for construction.

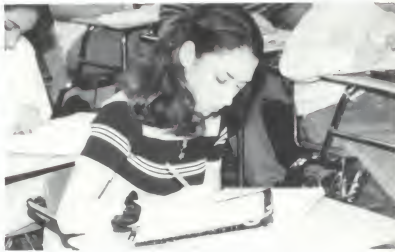
Math

and

Science

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Food For The Brain

'97

Math and Science provide a constant challenge to the student mind. Because they are required classes they are common to the student body. The element of difficulty is shared by all.

Not only do some students go to class but they also stay after school for activities such as Science Olympiad and Peer Tutoring. This year proved to be prosperous with Science Olympiad. Some of the contestants who participated in area were able to advance to state. In all we took a total of fifteen Highland High Students to the state finals. Some of the students who advanced to state were Nick Negovetich, Sharon Chiang, Jon Gortat, Emily Barney, Tony Bilotto, and Jacki Negovetich.

The hard work and extra time spent after school paid off in the end.

Math is a constant battle for some, while for others it comes as second nature. It enables the mind to grow and think. Without math the world would be a very confusing place. The students who are more advanced are able to help their peers in the peer tutoring program. It is a beneficial system for all levels of knowledge.

Although these classes may be dreaded, they are a very necessary and essential part of a high schooler's life. Believe it or not someday all students will appreciate the knowledge.

•Kenna Hasselhof

This year's Science Olympiad team won the Regional competition at Purdue Cal.

Sophomore Michelle Stacy concentrates on her assignment during Math class.

Brennan Pierce, April Stirling, and Sarah Reynolds work on a lab in Physics.

The Science Olympiad team went down to Indianapolis to compete at State.



Senior Julie Beanblossom studies her notes while working on her assignment.

Mr. Chapman's Science Olympiad team won many awards and medals.

Ms. Boyd teaches her class the proper way to write algebraic equations.

Words to the Wise

More than a place for vocab anxiety:
English is where future minds are formed

English, Journalism, Speech, CAPE: all of these classes have one major thing in common, they all use words. More importantly, written words and the art of creatively and correctly using those written words.

One imperative factor to writing is reading, and though these classes do not directly teach us how to read as we were taught in grade school, they rely on those learned skills, toning and refining them.

Books have survived throughout the history of civilization in amazing numbers. Even now, in English classes for every level, students are forced (whether they like to read or not) to read and analyze a classic. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Crucible*, *Lord of the Flies* and many others are some of the books on the required reading list.

Most students don't realize the importance that reading holds. Many think of it as a chore and something they will only do on school time. Any more, only the few and far between read for pure enjoyment.

This decline in reading has also resulted in a decline of good writing. How many books in the last couple decades have created a craze like *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, or *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* did?

English and French teacher Mrs. Mary Certa agrees that reading is a big part of writing well. "I still get some good writers. Often, they are the same people I see reading a lot." One of the main problems she finds with students writing is: "poor organizational skills and the inability to determine what is important and what is not."

As our world continues to advance in the areas of knowledge, technology and

Good Reading Makes Good Writing

medicine, it is a worthwhile goal to remain masters of our language as well.

• Christine Miller

Cori Stout stays relaxed while giving a presentation in speech class while Pandey Krambousanos pays attention during English.





Liz Hall takes notes while Heather VanDerPool and Amie Luce get research for a speech.

Sophomore Nicole Breger takes a break from writing to sit back and listen.

Mrs. Ogmentz keeps watch as Natalie Valle types.

Mr. Lemon gives helpful tips to Monica Morales.

Social Studies *Learning about the world around us*

The Social Studies Department certainly exemplifies this year's school-wide theme, *Our Strength is Our Diversity*. From Mr. Sunny's "impossible" econ tests to Mr. Fralinger's antics while lecturing his psychology students, the department seems to be as diverse as the personalities found in the HHS student body.

Although a social studies class is not required until the junior year, many freshmen and sophomores find themselves coloring maps for Mr. Miller's world geography class. Juniors and seniors tend to occupy their time taking notes and studying for tests in history, government, or sociology classes.

One thing is for sure, whether they have their students coloring maps or watching videos on Friday, this group of guys (one may notice the lack of females in the department) gets the job done, and well.

•Meghann Lowry

Megan Maix and Lauren Capretti work together in U.S. History class. Students in Mr. Miller's World Geography class listen attentively to a lecture.





Mr. Fralinger leads a discussion in Government class. He also teaches Psychology and Sociology. Juniors Nicole Anast and Stephanie Bradley take notes in History.

One of the favorite teachers among Highland High students, Mr. Greg Petrin plans to retire this year. He will be missed and remembered by many.



Mr. Greg Petrin Leaves Lasting Impression On Highland High

As Mr. Greg Petrin leaves his Social Studies classes at Highland High School, he leaves a legacy of caring, excellent teaching, and a quick witted camaraderie with his students.

Mr. Petrin has been a strong representative of teachers, both in the high school and in the Highland Classroom Teachers Association. He has shown leadership in all his years at Highland, and as he moves into retirement at the end of this year, he leaves with the gratitude and best wishes of not only his students this year, but of all those many students who, over the years, have had the privilege of knowing him as a teacher and a friend.

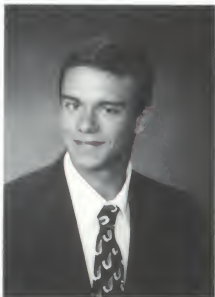
A master teacher, Mr. Greg Petrin is also a master human being.



Mr. Greg Petrin has been teaching Government and History for 29 years.

HONORS

ERIN SEIDL, NICK NEGOVETICH LEAD HHS IN TOP HONORS



Erin Seidl and Nicholas Negovetich have led Highland High School this year, meriting the honor of Valedictorian and Salutatorian or the Class of 1997.

Both Erin and Nick have been very active in extra-curricular activities while keeping extremely high grade point averages. Both are pictured to the left.

Rounding out the Academic Top Ten of the Class of 1997 are the following students, who are also pictured in order of their academic rank throughout the rest of this page.

These students are: Christopher Calderon, Third; Erin Kahn, Fourth; Angela Ventling, Fifth; Melissa St. Aubyn, Sixth; Sharon Chiang, Seventh; Nadine Lesiowski, Eighth; Theresa Furman, Ninth; and Robyn Bognar, Tenth in the Class of 1997. All have had excellent careers as Highland High students.

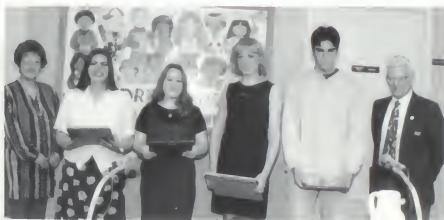


Academic Honors Show In Other Ways



Fall sports winners are: Tony Summers, Josh Kuchenberg, Greg Bluethsman, Rick Mendoza, Alejandro Reyes, Dave Amrhein, Stephanie Keith, Jen Tom, Erin Seidl, Jill Kissee, Melissa St. Aubyn, Tera Gagne and Courtney Pirosko.

Below: IU Honor students Jamie Hess, Margaret Granter and Joy Progar.



Left, Tony Summers has the double honor of winning an award for his running skill — and receiving it from his own father Mr. Tom Summers, who is a coach.



Left, the School Board's Mrs. Judi Bell and Mr. Larry Vassar congratulate Commended Students Angela Ventling, Courtney Warner, Meghann Lowry and Chris Calderon.

FAMOUS FACES

at H.H.S.?!

Oh, My god! Brian Austin Green just walked into biology class! Famous faces are popping up everywhere—even at Highland High School! Everyone has a "twin," but it's always better when that twin looks like a famous person.

Possibly better than spotting a famous person is being recognized as a famous person in a public place. While you may be looking for a familiar famous face in the crowd, someone else may be noticing you! A little girl once ran up to Sophomore Laura Gogolak and asked, "Can I have your autograph, DJ?" She had mis-

"Can I
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taken Laura for Candace Cameron of *Full House*.

Sophomore Stephanie Keith gets noticed wherever she goes. She bears a striking resemblance to Christina Ricci—"You know! That girl from *Casper*!"—claim people who have seen the movie.

Some people try their best to dress or look like a star, but these students don't have to! Oh, and I'm sorry to have to be the one to say it to you, girls, but that was not really Brian Austin Green in biology class. It just happens that Senior Chris Geiser looks like him!

•Shannon Gogolak



Left: You oughtta know that's not Alanis Morissette! It's Senior Katie Ross, taking time out from playing her guitar.

Above: Senior Greg Blue can bust a rhyme like Snoop Doggy Dogg. Ellen Seremet behind the scenes—or Claire Danes?



Below: Heeere's Rosie! Sophomore Krissy Laflech gets noticed in journalism class. Who's next on your talk show, Rosie, I mean Krissy--well, anyway, she's all that! Right: Junior Hannah Rhoades has the profile of Wynona Ryder.



Above: Senior Shannon Gogolak was once followed at an Alanis Morissette concert by some people who thought she was Jewel.

Left: Do you think Senior Evie Bouvat can belt out The Star-Spangled Banner just like Curly Sue did before going to bed?

Taking the Time to Get Trim

Taking the time for many students means taking a class. Whether it be Basic P.E., Advanced Weights, Aerobics or Swimming, all of these classes give students opportunities to get trim on school time.

Not only do these classes teach students how to exercise properly, they inform teens on how their bodies function and how to keep them in the best shape. Whether it's eating right, exercising or building strength.

While many classes educate a person's mind, Health and P.E. classes stimulate one's body and teach the mind how to care for that body. This is learned hands on through doing aerobics, running the mile in Basic P.E., or lifting weights.

This year, in order to enhance that hands on experience, Advanced Weights instructor Mr. Rick Flutka worked hard to

increase the time in the weight room, and decrease time spent in the classroom.

This year another opportunity was made available to HHS students. A girls-only Weights class was made available. This means that girls would no longer have to feel intimidated by a class full of guys. The turnout was good and Highland High looks forward to offering this class again in the years to come.

Although girls can gain up to 44% more strength before size results can even be seen, this class encourages ladies to build strength, tone muscles, and feel better about themselves.

Sometimes time is hard to come by. These classes enable students to stay fit by teaching and giving them the time to do it.

•Christine Miller



Freshman Sarah Hillman completes a serve during a volleyball game in gym class.

Dave DuMuth uses the lat pull down machine to improve his back and shoulder strength.

Students in a freshman gym class work to finish a set of sit-ups before class begins.

Jason Apps, Ken Boyd and Jason Allison show off their biceps after working out.



P.E. teacher Mr. John Onoff instructs a freshman class on how to play floor hockey.

Senior Jason Apps and Juniors Ken Blair and Jason Allison work on curling techniques.

Ken Blair pushes himself to finish a rep while bench pressing in Weights class.





Poms, Color Guard Keeping The Spirit ALIVE!

Though Color Guard and Poms appear to make their jobs look easy, it's not quite as easy as people think.

Performing at half-time on the field, in the gym, and at competitions can be rewarding. Members on the Poms squad and Color Guard work during the year to entertain the crowd.

Color Guard members can be seen twirling flags, rifles, sabers, or



other props needed for completing a routine on the field during basketball or football games. Poms members can be seen dancing at half-time dancing to various upbeat songs and creative dances at the basketball games.

—Denise Walters

Junior Mary Lis and Sophomore Melissa Stok really get into their dance during the Homecoming parade at Main Square.





Grand National Championships 1988



The Color Guard and Poms teams gather together for one final group picture after their performances.

Junior Kristin Rowinski shows off her dancing skills on the field and Senior Melissa McManus leads off in the gym.



I have been in Color Guard and Poms for three years. In that time I have learned a lot of valuable experiences. I have also made many friends who I will never forget. All these memories I will carry with me always.

•Jessica Stanley

Senior Color Guard member Nicole Housley shows off her winning smile as she twirls her flag on the football field.

Quest classes work to help the needy

• Student body gives time, money, and coats to local charity

Helping others is something that makes everyone feel good about themselves. Looking out for the good of other people, placing others needs before our own; it's all a part of contributing to the human race in a positive way.

This year's Quest classes found a way to help people by giving their time, money and sometimes possessions to those who need it most. The students set up stations where coats and money could be donated by students and teachers alike. A large poster was kept up in the commons so students could see the progress made and how far the classes were in reaching their set goal.

When the drive was over, all coats and money were donated to a local charity where the items would be

distributed to the homeless or needy. This is a big help to less fortunate people that cannot afford such basic needs.

Quest is a class that teaches students about themselves; their feelings and emotions. Helping others through fundraising for a charity or other such organization teaches us about *others'* feelings as well as our own. Not only is being aware of our own emotions a good thing, but also being aware and really caring about the emotions of others as well.

Drug use and abuse is a big problem in our society today. The effects of this problem reach people from all ages. Substance Abuse class educates students about the terrible results of drug use.

Quest helps students understand the importance of who we are;

Shannon Kemp stands guard while Highland students showed their support by donating money to local charity.

how our feelings and emotions help to make up our very person. Substance Abuse classes also help students understand the importance of these things, and how using drugs can steal ones feelings and emotions, until they ultimately steal what these things make up — ourselves.

•Christine Miller

Two cheerleaders keep a tally, while Quest students Andy Messman, Jill Kisse, Shannon Kemp, and Sarah Ham smile together while collecting money.

Erin Lottino donates her money while Becky Seiner and Manny Figueroa give their time to collect coats for the poor and needy in nearby communities.

Mr. Mike Urban's Quest uses many different creative ways to learn more about themselves and the people around them..





Home Economics

Teaching You About
Life

Of all the elective classes to choose from at Highland, the home economic classes are the top choices.

Foods class offers a course on the basic rules of nutrition, and allows students to cook some fantastic dishes. This class also allows the average hungry student a chance to snack during school.

Advanced Foods is a class offered for the students who have already completed the regular foods course. In this class students learn to cook eight course meals, and have a cake decorating contest.

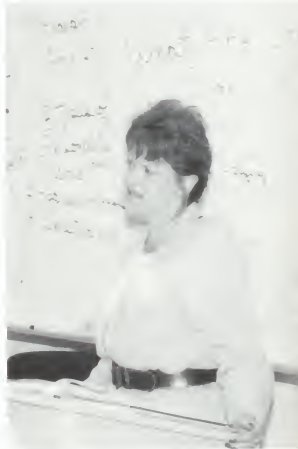
Child development, one of the top elective courses, teaches students the responsi-

bilities of having a child. After learning these responsibilities each student is given a baby (sack of flour or egg) and must take care of it for two weeks as if it were a real baby. The class also puts on its own day care.

IPR (Inner Personal Relations) is a class that basically teaches you about dealing with others, sexuality, and life. It's also the only class that requires you to sleep! You get graded for sleeping!

All of the home economic classes are definitely worth taking, you get to learn about life and have fun doing it.

•Deanna Crum



Best Cake Decorator: Korin Bahr

Cake decorating runners up; Becky Seiner,
Joellen Pavinca, and Tara Torringa



Mrs. Damasius teaches to her IPR students about relieving stress. Mike Petty puts the final touches on his cake. The advances food classes have a contest for the best cakes.

Jason Apps, and Rich Litavec sneak a sample of their food in foods class. Kristin Rowinski brushes her babies hair, while Kristen Chapman prepares for the future of motherhood.



Simply a matter of *Economics*

Senior year brings a variety of new classes to take, some electives, others required. One of the required courses is Economics taught by Mr. Michael Sunny.

The Stock Market, the Dow Jones, inflation and trickle down economics are among the list of topics discussed as the question "Guns or Butter, America?" is posed.

Senior Meaghan Lowry really enjoyed Econ. "We learned a lot in a short amount of time and had fun doing so. Mr. Sunny's sense of humor kept us all alert."

Econ is a semester long course required by state mandate that explains the way our government spends our tax dollars. Mr. Sunny's sense of humor makes the semester go by quickly, so be sure to "put that in your notes, class."

•Kelly Quail



Everything from lunches to backpacks cost money. Students often borrow change for lunch.

Looking the part at school functions costs students, with hidden costs such as hair and clothes.

Students attempt the Impossible *Squeezing* their dollar

Money plays a major role in the lives of Highland High School students. Many students have ceased borrowing money from their parents and have begun to earn their own money through part time jobs, that include everything from newspaper routes to babysitting the cousins and neighbors.

While it may seem that every extra minute is spent at work, the paycheck never seems to adequately represent all those long hours after school and those Friday and Saturday nights where friends are no where around. Or when they are around, it is to stop by work and mention where they might be, later, when you get off.

On days off, money seems to be spent all too quickly, at movies, fast food restaurants, even school sponsored functions such as basketball games or overtime dances.

Parents never seem to understand how quickly that (bi)weekly check dissipates when they seem to be paying the majority of the household expenses, but many students made purchases that required continuing payments for things such as beepers or even cars. Car insurance and gas money also seemed to absorb much of students' extra cash. Driving around looking for a place to "hang out" often seemed to consume a lot of gas, and students were always looking for a cheap place to refill the tank, which was sometimes a journey in itself.

Junior Carrie Hrasch was almost always broke. "I try not to ask my mom for money, because I do work, but between clubs, homework and track, I didn't have a lot of time to work so I was constantly borrowing cash from friends."

In the end students always seemed to make ends meet, though it often required borrowing from friends and family.

• Kelly Quail

Backpacks are necessary expenditures. How much money has been spent on this item this year at HHS?



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| | 2 Food |
| | 3 Clothes/Shoes |
| | 4 Movies |
| | 5 School Functions |



This year's Key Club worked hard doing many activities to better their community. The officers this year were, Julie Beanblossom, Liz Bohanan, Erin Hawkins, Diane Rhine, and Brian Slattery.



Kristin Kolodjzic, Julie Payne, Liz Bohanan and Anne Scott all take time to visit.

Fr. Honor Society: Shannon Gogolak, Tracy Furman, Christy Phebus, and Mrs. Certa.



German Honor Society: Brian Gifford, Michele Mitchell, and Nadine Lesiowski.

Erin Seidl and Sarah Potapinko read to young students while Mrs. Lopez lectures.



N'oubliez pas

Foreign Languages reach out



This year's foreign language classes really focused on reaching out to others, taking the time to brighten someone else's day. Young and old alike, students from Highland High School's foreign language department worked to reach them all.

Mrs. Certa's French IV class read stories they had written to young children in Merkely Elementary School. They wrote their own stories after completing a unit on children's stories in the classroom. The French students also taught their younger counterparts a little French, and talked to them about foreign languages and where they are spoken. The French classes also took a trip to Highland's very own nursing home to visit with the elderly.

Highland High was privileged to have a student from France come and visit the school. Mathilde Duchassin stayed with senior Angel Ventling and her family for two weeks, getting a taste of American culture. She talked about how open the people here are in comparison with the French. Speaking a foreign language allows us to open up even more to people of other cultures.





What could be better than a car, a few friends, and no destination in particular? Teenagers are always looking for a new thrill—preferably away from home.

As teenagers become more independent, their trips become longer and farther away, despite the cost. Some have travelled overseas to foreign countries. Paris and London, our parents' dreams, have become our reality—and our parents are still dreaming.

Travelling can change a person's perspective and lifestyle. These will be the times to remember!

Travel in the states is great, too! From

Europe: *You have to go there-- especially with your friends! It will be an experience you'll never forget!*

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• *Senior Teresa*

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Gurman

discovering caves to soaring down the Great American roller coasters, to visiting Mickey Mouse, there are always things to do and places to see.

HHS students are given many opportunities through the Indiana University Foreign Language Honors Program. Through this organization, Juniors Jamie Hess, Margaret Grantner, and Joy Progar are eligible to study in a foreign country this summer.

Travelling is a major part of life for people who are just deciding where they want to go in life; but no matter the age, travelling is always a pleasure for most!

• **Shannon Gogolak, Denise Walters**

Senior Kim Christenson snapped a picture of the Notre Dame Cathedral from a bridge in Paris, France. This famous cathedral is only one of the many she had seen while in Europe.

Senior Bryan Kendzierski takes a break from school and catches a wave on a beautiful day in Cancun, Mexico. Bryan is no stranger to the ocean!



Angel Ventling travelled to China when she was in eighth grade. Here, she poses with her mother in front of the Great Wall in Beijing, China.

Seniors Bobbi Bruner and Mai Lei Naglich hang out at the fountains and enjoy the Night Life of Las Vegas during spring break.



CAN'T LEAVE HOME WITH- OUT IT !!

1. money
2. toilet paper
3. toothbrush
4. phone card
5. walkman
6. camera/film
7. batteries
8. adapters
9. watch
10. passport/
identification
11. tickets
12. address book



Right: students Doug Tratta, Eric Warnecke, and Bill Cochran give their model car a test drive for the first time. Left: Kevin Boyd types away in Keyboarding class. Keyboarding teacher Mr. Tim Borowski assists his students while sophomore Eric Gulden ponders awhile on what is on his computer screen.



Time To Get Real

It's "Time to Get Real". This year's business classes prepare and show students just how to do that.

Society and the world we'll live in after college is so different from the lives students are used to now.

Classes such as Keyboarding, Drafting, Business Principles and Management and Economics all strive to make the transition path a smoother one.

Our world demands that as members of an ever-changing technological society, students must be prepared to understand and cope with the way our world works.

Because most people go on to work in the business environment, learning such things as proper typing techniques, understanding the way businesses operate, and how our economy works are precious tools that students are encouraged to learn.

Surprisingly though, as these demands from society grow greater, the enroll-

ment in classes preparing kids for these demands grows smaller. Where did they all go?

"Business classes are important to my future," says junior Kenna Hasselhof. "I need the skills they can give me."

Many students have elected not to take the advantage that is offered throughout these classes.

Many do though, and that ultimately leads to great benefits when students leave the world of school. In the world of real life and real jobs, such training is always the difference between success and failure.

• Christine Miller

"Business classes are important to my future."

Heather Miller concentrates on the typing assignment before her. This skill will bring benefits in today's working world.

Senior Doug Turich works on a drawing assignment in one of Mr. Bert Poi's drafting courses during first semester.





At Homecoming, Jenny Shelton anxiously watches as the Trojans clinch another victory in the recent season.

Homecoming couple Evie Bouvat and John Hamstra enjoy a slow song during the Homecoming dance.

Junior Cheryl Brouillette concentrates on playing her cello while flags member Katie Coble gets creative during halftime.

Junior Dan Solomon concentrates as he makes some shading changes to his drawing, a project for the art class.

AT The Heart Of US

It's who we are. Our mind is what enables us to think. Our body is what enables us to move. Our soul is what makes us unique.

When we wake up in the morning, it's the first thing we feel. We starve it, work it out, physically stretch it to the max, and somehow are still not happy with it. When we were babies we took our first steps with it, and when we're ninety we'll take our last. Our bodies are things that need to be treasured, kept away from things that could harm them. We are only granted with one body, and we have to keep that body until we die.

It's that place your mind goes to when you're doing both your chem and algebra in your head at the same time. Students seem to

be in a trance when walking between classes, not because of voodoo or black magic, but because their minds are working overtime. The mind is like a super computer, storing all the info we need to do anything and everything. Without our minds we couldn't down a spike, swoosh a b-ball, or even tie our shoes. School is like food and exercise for the mind.

The soul. Those two words say it all. It's the part of us that truly makes "us" us. Our soul determines a lot of things, like what we like, how we feel, and, for some of us, where we go when we die. The soul is affected by life, friends, religion, and love. Just like the mind and body, the soul needs nourishment. Feed it well.

•Kenna Hasseloff



MIND BODY & Y SOUL



MIRAGE

Sharing the beauty of the mind's creation

MURDER

Just as you shall never be a sculptor,
I am all but your clay.
Even where compassion is obsolete,
A guilty conscience will never roam.
If imagination should ever be assumed,
Experience may overtake all innocence.
Water was created on the second day --
But never to be siphoned!
Manipulation will overrule all fair judgement.
Abandon your passions for distaste and
You shall have a universal cure.
I at last dismiss you, and no longer
See need for your paces,
For I will outrun them and trample you in
Vast fields of devastation.
Looking into a mirror you'll never see who you are,
But a mere image of what you don't want to be.
Happiness is a locked emotion . . .
You alone hold the key.

Anne Scott

The Roller Coaster

Love is like a roller coaster —
Sometimes going up and sometimes down.
The thrill of being away from everything else,
But then the fear of not knowing where you are going.
Your heart pounding; your hands sweating; your body
feeling like it will explode!
Then it's over and you're left with an empty feeling,
like you've lost a part of yourself
that you can never get back.
Just as you're thinking
you'll never have that thrill again —
You see another.
Love is like a rollercoaster.
Enjoy the ride till the very end.
Hannah Rhoades

Application for Denial

You seemed to have dropped your compass along the road,
No longer being guided in the proper direction.
Have you lost your way?
Irrevocable doings have shattered your initial mapped excursion.
Was I suffused with deceiving jabber in the midst of our days?
Ignis fatuus ignited!
Ill-starred decisions which compromised all individualism,
Life-long warranty sucked in with the cold winter's gust
Did you at last come across the long-awaited approbation
That you philandered your identity for?

Anne Scott

Balance

*In the middle of confusion
order reigns supreme.
In the darkest hours
the light will shine the way
In the worst of storms
tranquility conquers all.
Only after one
will you find the other.*

Mike Paganelli

Perfect Opposites

*Love with hatred and
Courage with fear and
Happiness with sadness and
Peace with war --
These all blend into one big blur.
Moving so fast as if to seem as one,
All are so different, yet
all are so alike.
One does not exist without the other;
none shall ever disappear.
The world longs for one but does another
A plague for one
is a cure for the other.*

Mike Paganelli

But An Impression

*She is wicked, he is cruel.
She has no heart,
He has no intelligence.
This one speaks in a louder tone
That one whispers all the time.
They care not for who I am,
They have no kindness but for them-
selves.*

*He uses and abuses,
She thinks her thoughts all wrong.
That one laughs
When it's time to cry,
This one leaves
When it's time to stay.*

*They show respect for no one
So who should respect them?
Not I, so certainly not you.
You know you agitate me to my limits,
And I pester you constantly.*

*Yet who is perfect?
Not you, so certainly not I.
If he lies, believe him.
If she despises, ignore her.
For the opinion of one
Is nothing but an impression to another,
And that is all.*

Amanda Taalman





Rain

Steady dripping; never ceasing,
pouring down.
Rain in my mind,
dripping many thoughts
Rain up above
dripping on my head.
Cool and clean
cleaving my mind, my eye.
Feel it trickle on my bare feet.
Pouring, pouring, never ceasing
Cool and clean.
Clearing away my doubts, my fears,
my pain, my sorrow.
Coming, coming, ever coming
thoughts of hope, my dreams --
All are coming, still are coming with the rain,
they come
cooling my mind, my head,
Bringing me up.
Higher and higher.
I see myself, my future, my past
What I have been, how far I've come.
Come, thoughts of joy and laughter
rain on me like the coolest, cleanest rain.
Ever fall on me
steady dripping, never ceasing.

74 *Mirage* ❖ Jenny Shelton

"The Question"

"Who are you?" I asked one day.
"Who am I?" he repeated.
"I don't know; I was asking you," I replied.
"Why does it matter?" he questioned me.
"It doesn't," I told him.
"So why are you asking?" he wondered.
"Why should you care?" said I.
"I am who I am," he stated simply.
"And so am I," I agreed.
"You are not who I am," contradicted he.
"Of course not," I responded.
"Then who are you?" he inquired of me.
"Why do you ask?" I queried.
"I don't," answered he.
"But you did," I reminded.
"Did I?" he mused.
"I believe so, sir," assured I.
"What do you believe?" he requested of me.
"Who said I did believe," I demanded.
"You did," he reminded.
"Why should you care?" I asked.
"I don't," he replied.
"Are you going to answer me?" I asked again.
"What was the question," he inquired.
"I don't remember," I told him, and left.

Amanda Taalman

STRANGER

I know not who you are,
Nor where you've been or would like to go.
I know nothing of your past
Nor your plans for the future.
I can only imagine the color of your eyes
As they watch the run rise and set,
And my dreams are all I have
Of your smile.
Your voice may be as quiet
As a whisper in the breeze,
Or as harsh as a groan
In the winter night.
All you do is a mystery;
All you know is not for me to learn.
But when I look up at the starry sky
When I hear the rain splashing on the window pane
And when the sun sets on the horizon,
I know you are seeing the same stars
I know you are hearing the same rain
And I know you are watching the same sun set.
I know not who you are
Nor do I care.
All I know is all I need,
For that's all you know about me
And that's enough for us both.

Amanda Taalman

MIRAGE

You've been hurt so many times,
Too many times for you to feel any more.
You think nothing of it
As he slams the door on your heart.
You walk away, not feeling a thing,
But I can feel it.
The hurt you were supposed to feel --
I felt it.
The humility you ignored --
It came running to me,
And I welcomed it with open arms
As you ran from it.

You think your wall will protect you forever.
But eventually it will come down,
And the pain I've been holding for you
Will run directly to your heart
And it will grow in its new home.

I am outside your wall and cannot see what
you see,
But I have been there before,
Behind my own little wall,
And when I dropped it,
I had to handle all the emotions and pains I
missed.
It's much easier to deal with them as they
come,
Instead of all at once.
The hurt will fade,
But only if you let it sting you first.
It may seem easier to hide,
But you'll be overwhelmed when you come
back to reality.
Let your walls come down,
And learn to hurt,
Let the pain bite you,
Then bite back.
I promise, before you can taste the blood,
It will be gone.

• Megan Jones



I can sit outside and watch the gods at work
The swirling storms, the blowing wind
The slanted rain beats against my face
And I can't see anything but I can feel the power
Of the force of nature.
The thunderous skies, the beating drums
All these are what make the earth beautiful
There is nothing like the smell of a coming storm
Or the green of the grass against the grey of the sky.
And as the showers fall from the heavens,
I run into the green,
And I spin around, drinking in the rain
And laughing like a small child.
The cool water washes over me,
And I am clean,
I am new,
I am born.

• Megan Jones

Where There Is Light

I see light around me
Everywhere . . .
The sun, the moon and stars
They surround me
Everywhere . . .
But I long to see another
A different beauty
Somewhere . . .
Complete darkness I look for
And find
Nowhere . . .
Should I stray too far from my path
It would find me
Anywhere . . .
And lead me back where I belong
Where there is light
Everywhere . . .
Amanda Taalman

As The New Century Looms Closer, These Were OUR CONCERNS

Success, Career, Identity Top Agenda

While there are many things which manage to take up the concerns of today's teenagers, students at Highland High School have identified several which rank as high on their list of things to worry about.

In Highland there has not been a lot of pressure from gang activity, yet students are still concerned about some students looking to these alternative groups for a missing sense of family. Studies show that when families are strong, gangs cannot attract members. Keeping the sense of family strong in Highland, in addition to a lack of support for gangs and the work of Operation RESIST has teens feeling this is not one of their major problems, but one which also needs

constant vigilance.

The pressure to drink and do drugs is enormous all over America, and in Highland too there is concern about falling into one or both of these habits. While some teens have experimented, there is a growing feeling that drugs are a dead end situation, and something which one needs to get away from if one of the other major concerns is to come true.

That concern is success. Today's Highland High School students are very aware of the need for success in the world. They are looking at a variety of careers and job possibilities, with an eye to earning a decent living and being successful. The lure of high paying jobs and the need to compete in a difficult world have made many teens turn away from the possibility of drug use because they know drugs are not only illegal and addictive; they also play a major role in keeping individuals of all ages from achieving their true potential.

The need for acceptance is highest in the teen years, and this means peer pressure is at its strongest. Today's Highland High School students have met the enemy, and in many cases they have learned to look beyond peer pressure to their own individuality and concerns. While there are still the pressures to be accepted, the forms of dress and other outward signs seem to have mixed enough to make different groups less noticeable. The road to maturity is already taking hold, and that's a good thing.

As junior Tara Gagne accepts an award, she knows the feeling of success that comes with involvement and trying one's best in the area of sporting competition.





Today's teens are faced with many problems.

One of the greatest is fear of not fitting in. Peer pressure affects almost all teens. It is very contagious, but it can be controlled.

There are good and bad forms of peer pressure. Like most things, the good part is not as influential as the bad. More people are impressed by the bad or rebellious thing, the good forms are often ignored, but they are there and do exert influence, nevertheless.

Some of the good forms of peer pressure are joining youth organizations that friends are involved in, or not smoking or drinking, because friends don't do these things. By following their examples, a person can better his or her life and gain more self-esteem. Following good examples can help mold a life and help a person figure out what they like and what they don't.

But there is always a bad side. By following others' bad example, one allows himself to be brought down along with that person. "Tell me who your friends are I'll tell you what you're like" is an old saying, and sometimes it is true. By following the bad example of people, we can often fall into the same snares as they.

Peer pressure can only be controlled by people making decisions that are good for their lifestyle. If one can learn not to succumb to these negative pressures and follow the positive ones, then peer pressure wouldn't be such a concern.

• Megan Jones

Who

Who I am, why I am
 Where I'm going
 Where I've been
 Thoughts fill my head
 Confuse me, amuse me.
 The bad, the good,
 The Happy, the sad
 Fill my head
 Make me wonder -
 Why am I?
 Who am I?

Jenny Shelton



Best Friends, Worst Problems

Money and Teens

Every teenager dreams of the day when they are getting a new car. That takes money, something teens can't get enough of.

When adolescents go out, they ask their parents for money, yet at other times, especially when teens work, there are times when parents may actually borrow money from them on occasion.

Either way, money and the need for it are always going to be one of the biggest concerns of today's high school students.

Becky Seiner

Teen Arguments

One problem facing teens today that hits close to

home is when they argue with their parents.

Teens usually start fighting with their parents because they feel they need more freedom and independence. They want to voice their opinions without anyone trying to voice theirs at the same time.

Teens just try to be heard, but at the same time parents also want to be heard, and as the child tries to go to a higher level to be heard, often an argument may break out.

What parents and teens need to do is develop good communication between each other. They way everyone can get their points across calmly, and everyone can get along better and be happier.

Pebbles Moore

Good Enough?

Are you good enough? Every day teens face the problem of trying to fit in. They are judged by size, shape, color or by just plain flaws.

Many teens wonder how they can get beyond this fear — the fear of walking down the hall and having people laugh at them. All teens have experienced this type of embarrassment.

Some teens can be cruel. It is fact that most anywhere you go where you have to interact with people, you will be judged. We have to learn to deal with this.

The most important thing is to remember to be yourself. It doesn't matter what anyone else says as long as inside you know you are a good person. And when others criticize, remember the old adage — "Consider the source".

• Nicole Repay

Best Friends?

There are a lot of issues to think about when your best friend may also be your boy friend. For example, the friendship could end if the relationship ends. On the other hand, anyone who we date should also have the possibility of being our best friends, since that is the only way relationships can ever last.

• Ann Marie Martin

Senior Doug Turich, left, and junior Sara Miller on the opposite page, have both learned to face the pressures of their teen years.



Our Concerns Developed Our Opinions

From peer pressure to dollars,
we sought our own identities



*Learning to face the
pressures of the teen years
takes time, balance, and
some good friends to help
along the way*

There are those in the world who don't know when enough is enough. They concern themselves with the business that is no longer concerned with them.

If only they knew the problems they cause, while spinning in their tangled web of ignorance. Spouting at words that should be bottled up, yet the cap is removed and it becomes their own perception of 'what is'.

But what causes it, what creates it? Is it a need for self-fulfillment or revival? Or just a need to talk, gossip about yesterday's news, that should be recycled as is everything else?

But there are those few things in life that you can't free from the clutches of your mind. Those facts or memories that are never ungrasped, that find a home in your head.

Those thoughts are only further stimulated and addressed by those who know not what they say, but only rather how they act, no reason, no justification, no longer should they carry on.

If every problem, mistake, and wrongdoing could only be forgotten about and the happiness that looms ahead can be brought forth! Who knows but the world would be, a happier place. But mankind may never find out, because there are those who never let go of others' lives. Those who won't let go of the fact they need to let go, and move on in their own existence.

Is it too much to ask that an event that time has battered be let go? Time has had its way with every memory, every single memory. It's time to move on to something new, but leave us be, let us take our own journey.

Over the sun-glazed hillside and reflexive crystal ocean that waves with the excitement of forever, The sun is much brighter than the moon, and it will be hot much longer before the sun shines into the night sky.
Our lives will be lit up with the happiness of sunshine once again.
Wait . . . and see!

No matter what anyone does to stop us — we, together, will be the better of the people involved because we are stronger on the inside. We will rise above the decay.

Just wait . . . and see!

• Ryan Manno

HHS Social Life

FROM TAILGATE TO TURNABOUT



Above, Laura Miloshoff paints the face of a young Trojan fan during the Tailgate Party. Right, Turnabout dancers celebrate the special evening.

Getting together is much more than simply fun for many teens; social life encouraged by Highland High School provides many opportunities to interact with others while learning social skills.

From getting together at home football games and other sporting events to attending the many informal and formal dances held throughout the school year, HHS students can develop their social lives in ways suited to their personalities. This is also an excellent time to meet new people and choose various forms of entertainment.

While going to the movies to the new and exciting multi-film complexes which are now in the area is always entertaining, getting

together with friends at an enjoyable activity does more. Sitting a watching a film may be one form of entertainment, but since watching screens has been part of life since Sesame Street days, there are other alternatives.

The autumn tail gate party gives students a chance to have fun with parents and other community members. This is one of the highlights of the year and is also a money raiser for school events.

So the next time fun is on the agenda, take a moment before scanning all the latest movies in the area. Instead, talk to friends about other activities which can bring more involvement and which help promote the age-old concept of sharing good times without a movie screen or tv screen in sight.





Above, junior Cheryl Brouillette and Ryan Sweeney, Class of '96 enjoy Turnabout's magic.

Christine Emslander and Juli Beanblossom get in the Tailgate Spirit at a Trojan home game.



"Let's Go Blue" was the theme of the autumn Tailgate Party, which was a great success.



THE WORLD

KEPT TURNING

Elections, Simpson, Awards Made News

'96 — '97 Eventful

**Clinton
wins;
Calls for
under-
standing
diversity,
help for
education**

Elections

- November elections gave many seniors their first change to vote. Not only were state elections on tap, giving Frank O'Bannon the win to become the new Indiana governor to follow the state's youngest governor in history, Evan Bayh.

There was a presidential election with President Clinton, Republican Bob Dole and reform candidate Ross Perot as the major players. In what was close to a landslide in electoral votes, President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore easily won a second term in the White House.

Simpson

- Found "Not Guilty" of the double murder of ex wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman in 1995, the civil trial of '96 found O.J. Simpson "Liable" for their deaths. The second jury awarded 33 million dollars to the families of the victims, and Simpson tried to avoid bankruptcy. The most sensational case in years still looks like it has a few more moves.

Entertainment

- The Oscar nominations caused a furor in Hollywood when many "outside" movies were nominated, snubbing most of the big Hollywood productions. Only Tom Cruise's *Jerry McGuire* was nominated for best film.

Madonna proved her superstar status by starring as Eva Peron in the blockbuster film *Evita*. She won the Golden Globes, but was snubbed along with the film by the Oscars.

In the music business Smashing Pumpkins was the top group, but individual music tastes made many different singers and groups claim their own favorites.

Country music dancing was also popular with some students and faculty members, who frequented Rockin' Ranch.

Elmo, Darth Vader, Storms Top News

The school year '96 - '97 brought many news to Highland students. As more people purchased home computers and logged onto the Internet, a wealth of new information became available. Some students even designed their own web pages, and education became more involved with teachers learning to use the Internet and make that service available to their students.

The weather was a big story, with floods starting on the west coast, but reaching to the Chicago and Northwest Indiana area too in a harsh winter, full of snow, cold, and then too much rain in February. The entertainment industry seemed to be mirroring nature as a host of natural disaster films made the rounds, such as stories about asteroids colliding with earth and huge volcanoes.

The biggest star of the year was Elmo, followed by Eric Clapton and the return of Star Trek, with enhanced new versions to draw the young audience into the world of Darth Vader.



Campaigning in Michigan City, President Bill Clinton appeared with Indiana Governor Evan Bayh and later successful candidate for Governor, Frank O'Bannon. Photo by Vassar

Events, Highlights And People Who Made The Year Memorable

As Highland worked to renew its downtown area, Highland High School students witnessed many things in the outside world.

The death of Chicago's Joseph Cardinal Bernardin touched some, while others followed the murder cases of child beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey and Ennis Cosby.

Students bade farewell to Dr. Renner Ventling, who now moves to a position in the School Town Administration Office.

The antics of Dennis Rodman were highlighted in an incident when he kicked a photographer, and served a suspension from the game.

The Yankees and Packers rose from long droughts and claimed the World Series and Super Bowl.

Teen smoking was made more difficult by new laws about selling cigarettes to minors in March.

The White House was the object of a presidential race between winner Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, and Ross Perot. Photo by Mayer



OUR STRENGTH

Can you imagine a world where everyone looks the same, talks the same, walks the same, dresses, thinks, laughs, and smiles the same? Like living in an eternal boarding school where everyone has the same uniform, only much worse. In Madeleine L'Engle's sci-fi book, *A Wrinkle In Time*, she described a world where everyone was so alike that they even walked, bounced balls and swung their arms in the same rhythm.

With no variety and a human race where everyone was exactly alike, things would change drastically in our world. There would be no democracy because everyone would agree on all subjects and wouldn't even have the ability to disagree.

As a result of everyone thinking the same and agreeing about everything, no one would realize a need for change, therefore nothing would get better, only stay exactly the way it was. Conversation would become empty, purpose in life monotonous, and the words "new and different" completely foreign. These things do not spell out strength, instead they exploit our weakness and leave no room for improvement.

Our Strength is Our Diversity is not just a cliché that sounds good, it rings true especially when you think about what the effects would be without diversity. It allows us to see need for change and improvement. It lets us make decisions as individuals and lets us *be* individuals. Diversity makes a person click with one individual and clash with another. It gives us color, variety, character and overall life.

We can learn from our differences, seeing the good *and* bad in the other. In this way, diversity can make our individual weaknesses smaller and work to make us a stronger, more capable human race.

Above, Dena Comer will become the first African-American to graduate from Highland High School. Right, Margaret Grantner and Anne Scott celebrate the diversity of age as they visit the Highland Nursing Home with Mrs. Certa's French Class.



IS OUR DIVERSITY

*'The more I understand myself
The more I will understand you'*

Diversity in the '90's is very typical, but the only problem is accepting it.

There are many positives to being in a diverse environment. You learn how to work better with people who are not like you. Being the first black to graduate from Highland High School, I feel very privileged. When I go on to the real world, I will have had some of the experience I need. Also, with some of the ignorance in this society, I will know how to handle the bad situations.

What teenagers don't realize is that when we graduate the world is very diverse, and if we don't enter it with an open mind, we will not survive.

I know when you've grown up in a house with a lot of close-minded people, you can be influenced, especially by parents. But when you reach a certain age, you start to think for yourself, so there is really no excuse for not coming to grips with dealing with diversity.

Ignorance is something that is within, not something you catch, like a cold.

A word to the ignorant people:

Do you ever think about the things you say, and how they can hurt? Do you wonder what the person would feel like after you've put down his or her religion, race, clothes, appearance, or mind?

Speaking from a black point of view, we have made the same expectations of life that other races do. Not all of us want to be gang members and sell drugs. I used to feel negative about being in Highland and felt that the ignorance would never stop. It turned out to be positive because when I graduate I will be able to handle diverse situations. I will understand that ignorance is from not knowing about something, or not being able to understand things from another's viewpoint.

In this day and age we need to be proud of our diversity because it's a privilege, not a disaster.

So hopefully as you think of 1997 in Highland, you will think of the wonderful diverse people you've met. And for the seniors — there are many more to meet!

Dena Comer



Above, celebrating each other's uniqueness is a special gift from attending Operation Snowflake. Left, parents show they can support their children with groups like the Athletic Booster Club, getting into the spirit of the Homecoming Parade.





From Freshmen

to Seniors



Time

Marches

On



It's About People



Some of the faces you see at Highland High school may one day be famous, some might be everyday normal people, and some may never be heard of again. Anyway they turn out, they were all a part of Highland High. No matter how famous or infamous they become, they made Highland the success it is. These people make Highland, these people *are* Highland.

•Deanna Crum

Dr. Cartwright Retires

*Strong Superintendent led renovation, major curriculum moves
as Highland High School approached the new century*

Marking the end of his fifteenth year as Highland Schools Superintendent, Dr. Philip Cartwright now moves into his retirement from the educational arena.

Known throughout the state for his efficient and economical renovation of all the Highland schools, Dr. Cartwright has also pioneered such landmark educational moves as dual credit with Purdue and Indiana Universities, adding to and updating the curriculum in many areas, and strongly bringing Highland not only into the computer age, but to the Internet and the world of tomorrow as well.

Friendly, highly competent, and aware of all facets of total education, Dr. Cartwright will be missed. His confidence in the Highland quality of education should give us all reason to continue with strength and vision. His vision has brought us to the door of a new century, and for that he has our thanks and our deep appreciation.

Dr. Philip E. Cartwright retires as Highland Superintendent after leading renovation and guiding the school system for fifteen years.



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Year's end sees changes for many top School Town administrators



Dr. Dennis Shawver
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Mrs. Judith DeMuth
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Assistant Principal



Dr. Renner Ventling leaves the position of HHS principal this year. He now moves to the Central Office as Director of Support Services for the School Town of Highland.

Dr. Ventling moves from HHS to Central Office

After finishing his seventh year as Highland High School Principal, Dr. Renner Ventling now moves up in the school system to the position of Director of Support Services for the School Town of Highland.

In Dr. Ventling's time at HHS, he oversaw the upheaval of renovation and the settling into the new building. Dr. Ventling introduced the yearly theme, which this year was "Our Strength Is Our Diversity. He also saw the move to high tech classrooms, featuring computers and closed circuit television in every room.

Dr. Ventling has always had HHS students' best interest at heart, and as he moves to his new position, all in the Highland High School family wish him well and thank him for all he has done for us.

Director Mr. Michael Boskovich and Computer Guru Mr. Gary Everhart, shown with Mr. Ron Blake, are key in moving Highland High into the computerized century.



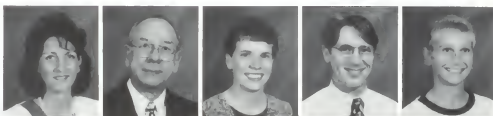


Above, Mrs. Beth Copenhaver serves High High School as Coordinator of Secondary Education.



Dr. Philip Cartwright shows his spirit as Dr. Dennis Shawver and Board President Larry Vassar also cheer.

Nancy Backes: Guidance, Dollars for Scholars; Timothy Borowski: Business; Cynthia Boyd: Math, Student Council, TREND; Blake Bredemier: Orchestra; Sharon Bronson: German, English



Mary Certa: French, English; Dan Chapman: Science, Science Olympiad; Becky Damasius, Home Ec, Dept. Chair; Kenneth Darrow: English; Thomas Doukas, French, Japanese, Dept. Chair



Kenneth Dowdy: Art; Fred Elliott, Band; Brian Elston, Science, Volleyball, Basketball Coach; Jeanette Erhart: Library; Lee Farley, Science



Matthew Figi: Math; Douglas Fralinger, Social Studies; Beth Harman, Spanish; Jerry Hedges, Guidance; Michael Huber, English, Sophomore Class sponsor;



Chris Huppenthal: Math, Girls Basketball; Larry Johnson: Science; Darrell Jones: Math; James Kammer: Guidance; Martin Kessler: Math;





Charlotte Kessler: Math; Felicia Knight: Art; Nancy Krausnick: Science; Margaret Leahy: Foreign Language; Randall Lemon: English



Michelle Lewis: English, Foreign Language; Elia Lopez: Foreign Language; William Madura: Art, Dept. Chair; William Martin: English, Dept. Chair; Barbara Mayer: Journalism, Public Relations



Jerry Mazur: Science, Boys Tennis Coach; Dan Miller: Social Studies, Boys Baseball Coach; Judith Musselman: English; Kathleen Nowicki: Science, Science Olympiad Coach; John Onoff: Physical Education



Victor Pazik: Music; Greg Petrin: Social Studies, Dept. Chair; Joyce Pickart: Family and Consumer Sciences; Bert Poi: Ind. Arts; Ann Pyke: English



Brenda Richardson: Home Economics; Dan Richardson: Science, Golf Coach; Marc Ryser: Art; Deborah Ryzewski: Physical Education; Shawn Shepherd: Math, Science



Tom Summers: Social Studies; Michael Sunny: Social Studies; Alan Swenson: Audio-visual; William Thegze: Math; Michael Urban: Physical Education, Boys Basketball Coach



Left, Ms. Karen Zenzian, of the Business Department. Immediate Left, Mrs. Corally McCann, head of the Highland High School and School Town of Highland Guidance Departments. Right, Mr. John "JO" Onoff, one of Highland's finest.



Curt Augustin: Sup. Aide; J. Aurigema: Interpreter; Adam Baez: EH; Bonnie Banas: Secretary; Joan Boskovich: Certified LD



Rose Ceperich: Guidance Secretary; Marceline Cooper: Sup. Aide; Debbie Ferguson: Receptionist/Secretary; Jean Gogolak: Treasurer; Linda Hall: Sup. Aide;



Cindi Heimberg: Special Ed; Leslye Keil: Custodian; Barbara Kepchar: Special Ed. Kevin Krikau: Media Aide; Marilyn Kuiper: Secretary;



Arlene Marcinek: Attendance; Rosa Mazzocco: Nurse; Edward Nightingale: Custodian Amy Ogrentz: Eng. Aide; Mike Poynter: Study Hall



Karen Rieckhoff: Library Aide; Cindy Rivera: ISS; Joe Sullivan: Printing; Hershel Talkington: Head Custodian



Right, Mr. Ken Bye is Highland's Athletic Director.



Left, Mr. Brad Smith is Assistant Athletic Director and varsity football coach.



Mr. Dan Richardson scores floats at the Homecoming Parade starting point.





Highland's great nurse Mrs. Rosa Mazzocco teaches Molly Menke about blood pressure.



Above, Mr. Tom Summers and Mr. Jerry Hedges work a basketball game.

Highland's finest custodians stop for a pose. They are: Leslye Keil, Arnie Zilz, Ed "Jim" Nightengale, John Beasley, Scott McWilliams, Matt Topp and Hershel Talkington.

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Jose Alicea: FB2-4, BB1-2, Wrestling 3-4, Track 1, Jeremy Alton: Bl. Dr. Christopher Andrus: Acad. Decathlon 4, Aud. 1-4, Science Olympiad 3-4, Snowflake 4, NAHS 2-4, Nat. Help. 3, SC 3-4, Soc. 3, HTC 1-4, Chess 3-4; Jason Apps: FB3, BL DR., Christopher Arnold; Scott Asbell: Bl. Dr., Varsity Choir 2-4; Korin Bahr: Bl. Dr., Nat. Help., Swimming 1-3; Julie Beanblossom: Aud. 1-2, Bl. Dr., Key Cl. 1-4, Prom Com. 3, Ch. Care Dir. 3, AHS 1-4, Mentor 4, Nat. Help. 2, SC 2-4, Tennis 1-4, HTC 1-2, Peer 3, Snowflake 4, Ger. Cl. 2-3, SGC 3; Joseph Berlanga: Bl. Dr., FB 1-2, Edward Berry: Samantha Bigott: Ger. Cl. 2-4, GHS 3-4, Tennis 3-4, HTC 2-4, Tutor 2; Mike Bishop: Sarah Bishop: Ja. Cl. 4, JHS 3-4, Soc. 2-3; Adam Blomquist: Peer 3, Gregory Bluethmann: Orch. 1-2, Track 1-4, CC 4, SG 2-3; Cristina Boariu: St. Ad. Bd. 1; Eric Boesch: Bryan Bogacz: Bl. Dr. 4; Robyn Bognar: Ger. Cl. 1-4, Key Cl. 1-4, NHS 3-4, GHS 2-4, NAHS 1-4, Mentor, Link 3, St. Ad. Bd. 1-4, SC 4, SC 1-4, BB 1-2, VBI 4, Track 1-4, Soc. Olympiad 4; Dennis Bolda: Aud. 2-4, HTC 2-4, Nat. Help. 3, Swim. 4; Jim Booker: FB 1-2, Wrestling 1-4; Ray Borowiec; Evie Bouvat: Bl. Dr. 4, Turnabout Queen 4, Prom-Com. 3, Turn-Com. 4, St. Aide, SBI 3, Swim. 1-4; Christine Brackett: BPA 1-4, St. Aide, Shannon Bruce: Aud. 1-4, CG 3, Choir 2-4, Key Cl. 2-4, Fr. Cl. 2-4, NHS 3-4, FHS 3-4, St. aide 3-4, HTC 1-4, Snowflake 2-4, Bobbi Bruner: Bl. Dr. 4, Ja. Cl. 1-3, Key Cl. 4, Prom Com. 3, H.N. Dip. Mentor 4, St. Aide 2-4, Cheer 2-4, Swim 3; Marc Buck: Key Cl. 1-4; Hilary Burd: Choir 1-4, Bl. Dr. 4, Nat. Help. 3; Robert Buss: Choir 2-4, Nat. Help. 3; Gabe Cabrera: Bl. Dr. 4, BPA 3, Prom. Court, Home. King 4, SHS 3-



4, NHS, Hn. Dip., St. Aide 4, FB 2, Baseball 1-4; Steve Caddick: Bl. Dr. 4, FB 1-4, Hockey 1-4; C h r i s t i n a Calderon: Bl. Dr. 4, Key Cl. 4, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4, St. Aide 2, Hon. Dip., FE 1-2; Sc. Oly. 3-4; Jose Calderon: Ryan Campbell: Home Court 4, Turn. Court 4, FB 1, Wrestling 2-4; Jeremy Cash: Home Court 4, Turn. Court 4, St. Aide 3-4, BB 1-4, Baseball 1; Kathryn Challman: Kris Challman: Ger. Cl. 1, NAHS; Kristin Chapman: Bl. Dr. 3, Ja. Cl. 1-3, Nat. Help. 4, St. Aide 3, Soc. 2-3, BB 1-3, Tennis 2-4; Peer 4; Joe Chervenak: Sharon Chiang: Choir 1-3, Ja. Cl. 1-4, NHS 4, JHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., Soc. 2-3, Sc. Oly. 4, TREND 4; Josh Childs: Aud. 2, Choir 1-3, Madrigals 3, Key Cl. 1, TREND 1, HTC 3, Kim Christenson: Choir 1, NAHS 1-4, Nat. Help. 3, St. Aide 4, HTC 1-4; Mike Chu: Nat. Help. 4; Brian Clasen: FB 1-4, Wrestling 2, Track 3-4; Jason Clark: Wrestling, FB; William Cochran: Baseball 1, Track 1; Zach Condes: Bl. Dr. 4, Soc.

1-4, Jason Cooper: Bl. Dr. 3; Rachel Courtright: Key Cl. 1-4, Snowflake 1, Fr. Cl. 1-2, NHS 3-4, FHS 2-4, Hon. Dip., Mentor 4, Nat. Help. 2, St. Aide 3, SC 4, Tutor 4, Shield 3; Karen Crane: Billy Cribari: Deanna Crum: Bl. Dr. 3-4, Key Cl. 4, Prom Com. 3, Nat. Help. 3-4, Link 4, St. Aide 2-4, SC 4, VB 1-2, SBI 3, Shield 2-4, Quill and Scroll 3-4, Shield Editor, Turn. Com. 2-3; Dana Culic: Bl. Dr., Prom Com. 3, NHS 3-4, SHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., Link 3, St. Aide 3-4, SC 3-4, Tennis 1-4, Soc. 2-3; Nick Czaplaj: Ja. Cl. 1-3, JHS 3-4, NHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., BB 1-2, Soc. 2; Lisa Davies: Bl. Dr., Key Cl. 1-4, Turn. Court 4, Prom Com. 3, Turn-Com. 4, Home Com. 4, Hon. Dip., Mentor 4, SC 4, Track 1, VB 1, SB 2-4, Swim 4; Michelle DeBoer: Band 1-4, Ja. Cl. 2-4, Ger. Cl. 3, NHS 3-4, JHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., Peer 2; Joan Dessler: Key Cl. 2, NHS 4, Nat. Help. 4, Orchestra 1-4, Peer 4; Steve Djukich: SC; Veronica Dopka: Bl. Dr. 4, Key Cl. 1-4, Ger. Cl. 1-2, Prom Com. 3, GHS 2-4, Mentor 4, St. Aide 4, SC 2-4, SC 1-4, Swim 2-3, Snowflake 1-4; Jennifer Door: Choir 1; Heather

Douglas: Band 1-3, Track 1-2, HTC 2; Kelly Dudash: BB 1, VB 1, Soc. 2-4; Dave Duke: Baseball 1-4, FB 1-4, BB 1; Tonni Edwards: Aud. 2-4, Bl. Dr. 1, THC 3, Ger. Cl. 4, GHS 3-4, Mentor 3, HTC 2-4; Dan Egan: Letter Cl. 3-4, Prom Court 3, Home Court 4, BB 1, Baseball 1-4, FB 1-4; Christine Emalsander: Bl. Dr. 4, Key Cl. 1-4, Prom Com. 3, SHS 2-4; Hon. Dip., Mentor 4, Nat. Help. 4, St. Aide 2, HTC 1, Peer 2-3; Alex Evon: FB 3-4, Wrestling 4; Gina Fandrei: Bl. Dr. 4, Key Cl. 1-4, Prom Com. 3, GHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help. 3, SC, Swim. 2-4; Jennifer Farago: Bl. Dr. 3-4, Key Cl. 1, SC 1, BB 1; Jason Fenolio: Bl. Dr. 4; Manny Figueroa: Sp. Cl. 1-4; Mike Filipowicz: Aud. 1-4, Bl. Dr. 4, Varsity Choir 1-4, Key Cl. 4, Snowflake 4, Madrigals 2-4, Track 1, HTC 1-4; Melissa Fuller: Band 1-4, Ger. Cl. 1-3; Teresa Furman: Ger. Cl. 2, Fr. Cl. 1-4, NAHS 1-4, NHS 2-4, FHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., Mentor, Sc. Oly. 3-4; Chris Geiser: NAHS, Track, Swimming, SC; Jane Georgopolis: Brian Gifford: Bl. Dr., Choir 1-4, Ger. Cl. 1-4, NHS 3-4, GHS 2-4, Hon. Dip.,

St.Aide 4,Tennis 1-4,Shannon Gogolak:Aud.1-4,BL.Dr.,French Cl.1-4,Key Cl.1-4,FHS 2-4,NHS 3-4,NAHS2-4,Hon.Dip.,Nat.Help. 3-4,SC 1-4,SC 1-4,Cheer 1-3,CC 3-4,Track 1-4,HTC 1-4,Peer 4,Shield 3-4,Snowflake 1-4,TREND 4,Jennie Govett:BL.Dr.,Prom.Court 3,Home Court 4,From.Com. 3,SHS2-4,NHS 3-4,Mentor 4,Nat.Help. 3-4,SC 4,BB 1,Track 1,Soc. 2,Melissa Gray:Home.Court 4,From.Court 3,From.Com. 4,GHS 2-4,NAHS2-4,NHS3-4,Hon.Dip.,Nat.Help. 2,Link 3,SC 4,VB 1,BB 1-2,Tennis 1-4,Mandy Greene: Latin Cl.1-2,Hon.Dip. 4,Peer 3,Janet Grelecki:BL.Dr.,Prom.Court,Home Queen,From.Com.,Turn.Com. St.Aide 4,VB 1-3, Ronald Guidotti:French Cl.1-4,NHS3-4,SHS2-4,FHS2-4,St.Aide 4,SC 1-4,HTC 1-3,HIS.Nat.Merit,Cristina Gutierrez:BL.Dr.,Choir 1,Ja.Cl. 4,French Cl.1,Jeremy Halton:Dave Hamstra:Prom.King,FB 3-4,BB1-4,Baseball 1-2,FOCA: Doug Hanson:BL.Dr.,Hockey 1-2,Joshua Hanson: Philip Harrel: Nat.Help. St.Aide , BB 1-4, Golf 2-4, Tracy Harris:BL.Dr.,Nat.Help.,Adam Hart:Band 1-2,BL.Dr.,Mark Havens:FB 1-4,Wrestling 1-2,Baseball 1-3,Sarah Hawkins: Band 1-4,Key Cl.1-4,TREND 1-2,Sp.Cl. 1-3,SHS 1-3,S & D 1-2,SC 4,HTC 1,Guard 4,Adam Hayes:Band 1-4,BL.Dr.,Ja. Cl. 1-4,Amber Hernandez:Letter Girls 1,Deanna Herin:Key Cl. 1,Nat.Help. St.Aide 2-4,BB 1,VB 1,Soc. 2-4,Track 1-4,Shield 3-4,Tracy Higgins: Key Cl.1-2,Sp.Cl. 1-2,Robert Hollingsworth:Link 4,Steve Hood:Edward Hoolehan: Ger.Cl. 3-4,GHS,NHS,Hon.Dip.,Nat.Help. FB 1-4,Wrestling 3-4,Peer

4,Chris Hoover:Nicole Housley:Color Guard 2-4,Key Cl. 1-4,TREND 3-4,SHS 2-4,NHS 3-4,Nat.Help. 2,Peer 2-3,Adam Hutsler:FB 1-4,Tracy Jachim:Letter Girls 1,Dale Jarvis:Darrin Jendreas,Darryl Jendreas,Brandon Johnson:BL.Dr.,Dana Jones:Aud.3-4,HTC 3-4,Mark Jones:NHS 3-4,FHS 2-3,Hon.Dip.,Nat.Help. 2-3,BB 1,Baseball 1-4,Molly Jones:BL.Dr.,Nat.Help. 3,NHS 4,St.Aides 2-4,SC 4,Soc. 2-4,Track 1,Shield 3-4,Kelsey Jonkman:Erin Kahn:Academic Decathlon 2,Fr.Cl.1-4,TREND 3-4,Key Cl.1-4,FHS 3-4,NHS 4,Hon.Dip. St.Aide 4,SC 2,Peer 3,Melissa Kaniuk:BL.Dr.,Prom Queen 3,From.Com. 3,Turn.Com. 2-3,Mentor 4,Soc. 2-4,BB 1-3, Peer 3,Chris Karpinec:Letter Cl. 2, FB 1-3,Wrestling 2,Eric Kekeis:Soc. 1-4,Track 2-3,Shannon Kemp:BL.Dr. 4,Key Cl.1,Snowflake 3,From.Com. 3,Turn.Com. 3-4,Mentor 4,Nat. Help. 4,St.Aide 3-4,Track 1, Cheer 1-4, Diving 4,Bryan Kendzierski:Swim. 1-4,Jeffrey Kerr: Gina Kirinch, Kamille Kish:St.Aide 4,SC 2,BB 1,VB 1-4,SB 1-3,Peer 3,Jill Kisse:BL.Dr. 3-4,Key Cl. 1,Turn. Court 4,From.Com. 3,Home.Com. 3-4,Turn.Com. 3-4,NAHS 2-4,Hon.Dip. St.Aide 3-4,SC 3-4,VB 1-4,Track 2-4,Brandon Knoche:Kevin Koblitz:Letter Cl. 1-4,Turn. King 4,St.Aide 2-4,FB 1-4,Wrestling 2-4,Track 1-4,Peer 4,Steve Koon:SHS 3-4,Mentor,SC 4,Matthew Kolodziej:Fr.Cl. 2, BB 1,Steven Kotowski:Ja.Cl. 3-4,Joshua Kuchenberg:BL.Dr. 3-4,Sc. Oly. 3-4,From.Com. 3,GHS 3-4,NHS



3-4, Hon.Dip. Nat. Help. 2,St.Aide 4,SG 3-4, SC 4,Baseball 1-4,Tennis 2-4,Peer 4,Greg Kuzmar:Key Cl. 4,Tennis 1-4,Melanie Laciak:Turn.Court 4,Turn.Com. 4,From.Com. 3,NHS 3-4,SHS3-4,Hon.Dip.,VB 1-4,BB 1-4,Jeremy Langel:Nadine Lesiowski:Band 1-4,Ger.Cl. 1-4,NHS 3-4,GHS 2-4,Nat.Help. 3,St.Aide 3-4: Richard Litavec:Erin Lottino: HTC 1-4, Fr. Cl. 3-4,NAHS 3-4,Nat.Help. 3,NHS 3-4,Hon. Dip. St.Aide 4,Meghann Lowry:Choir 1-2,Sp.Cl. 1-2 ,

St.Aide,Cheer 1-4,Peer 4,Crystal Mitchell:Ja. Cl. 3-4,From.Court 3,Dance 4,Nat.Help.2,St.Aide 2,BB 1,Cheer 3,Michelle Mitchell:Ger.Cl. 1-4,NAHS 2-4,GHS 2-4,NHS 3-4,Hon.Dip.,SC 2,HTC 1-4,Melissa Moore:Band 2-4,BL.Dr. 3,Fr.Cl. 1,Orchestra 1,St.Aide 2,Track 1-2,Rebecca Moore:Band 1-4,BL.Dr.,Dance 3-4,SC 1-4,Track 2,Elijah Moss:Band 1,BL.Dr.,Fr.Cl. 1,Hon.Dip. ,Nat.Help. 2,St.Aide 4,BB 1, Golf 2-4, Timothy Mucha:Choir 1-4,Ja.Cl. 1-4,Nat.Help. 3,St.Aide.Bd. 2-4,Soc. 1-4,Track 2-4,CC 1,BB 1,Kristie Muncie:BL.Dr. 4,Ja.Cl. 3,Nat.Help. 3-4,St.Aide.Bd. 2-4,St.Aide 2-4,SG 1,Cheer 1-2,Ronald Muvich:BPA 3,Ja.Cl. 3-4,St.Aide 3-4,Mai Lei Naglich: BL.Dr.,Key Cl. 1-4,Ger.Cl.1-4,From.Com. 3,NHS 3-4, GHS 2-4, N.A.HS 1-4,Hon.Dip.,Nat.Help. 2,SG 1-2,SC 1-4,Cheer 1-4,Shield 3,Brandon Neely:BL.Dr.,Wrestling 1,Nicholas Negovetich:Ac. Dec. 1-2,BL.Dr. 3-4,Choir 4,Key Cl. 4,SHS2-4,NHS 3-4,Hon. Dip. ,Nat. Help. 2,St.Aide.Bd. 1-4,St.Aide 1-2,FB 1-4,Baseball 1-4,Sc. Oly. 1-4:Sara Nichols:BPA 4,HTC 4,Alyssa Oros:Aud.,St.Aide.Bd.:Maria Ortiz:Fr.Cl. 1,Key Cl. 1,TREND 1,Jon Orzechowicz:Mike Paganeli:Link 4,Soc. 1-4,Candy Parsons: Hon. Dip. :Sandy Paulauski: Aca. Dec. 4, Band 1-3,Sp.Cl. 1,Track 1-2,Aud. 1-2,Pedro Pedrosa:Sp.Cl. SHS 2-4,St.Aide.Bd. 3-4,FB 1,Jody Pete:Band 1-3,NHS 3-4,Hon.Dip.,Mentor 4,Nat.Help. 4,St.Aide 3-4,FHS 2-4,Nick Peters:Soc. 1-4,Wrestling 1-4,FB 1,Marcia Peterson:Stacie

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ter Cl. 3-4, Prom. Dip., Nat. Help.
3, Home Court 4, BB 1, Baseball 1-
4, FB 1-4, Christine
Emslander: Bl. Dr. 4, Key Cl. 1-
4, Prom. Com. 3, SHS 2-
4, Hon. Dip., Mentor 4, Nat. Help.
4, St. Aide 2, HTC 1, Peer 2-3, Alex
Evon: FB 3-4, Wrestling 4, Gina
Fandrei: Bl. Dr. 4, Key Cl. 2-
4, Prom. Com. 3, GHS 2-4, NHS 3-
4, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help. 3, SC, Swim.
2-4, Jennifer Farago: Bl. Dr. 3-4, Key
Cl. 1, SC 1, BB 1, Jason
Fenolio: Bl. Dr. 4, Manny
Figueroa: Sp. Cl. 1-4, Mike
Filipowicz: Aud. 1-4, Bl. Dr. 4, Var-
sity Choir 1-4, Key Cl. 4, Snowflake

Hamstra: Prom. King, FB 3-4, BB 1-
4, Baseball 1-2, FOCA; Doug
Hanson: Bl. Dr., Hockey 1-
2, Joshua Hanson; Philip
Harrel: Nat. Help., St. Aide 1, BB
1, Golf 2-4; Tra-
ci Harris: Bl. Dr., Nat. Help., Adam
Hart: Band 1-2, Bl. Dr., Mark
Havens: FB 1-4, Wrestling 1-2, Base-
ball 1-3, Sarah Hawkins: Band 1-
4, Key Cl. 1-4, TREND 1-2, Sp. Cl. 1-
3, SHS 1-3-5 & D 1-2, SC 4, HTC
1, Guard 4, Adam Hayes: Band 1-4,
Bl. Dr., Ja. Cl. 1-4, Amber
Hernandez: Letter Girls 1, Deanna
Herrin: Key Cl. 1, Nat. Help. 3, St.
Aide 2-4, BB 1, VB 1, Soc. 2-4, Track
1-4, Shield 3-4, Tracy Higgins:
Key Cl. 1-2, Sp. Cl. 1-2, Robert
Hollingsworth: Link 4, Steve

Kendzierski: Swim. 1-4, Jeffrey
Kerr; Gina Kirinch; Kamille
Kish: St. Aide 4, SC 2, BB 1, VB 1-
4, SB 1-3, Peer 3, Jill Kisse: Bl. Dr.
3-4, Key Cl. 1, Turn. Court
4, Prom. Com. 3, Home Com. 3-
4, Turn. Com. 3-4, NAHS 2-4,
Hon. Dip., St. Aide 3-4, SC 3-4,
VB 1-4, Track 2-4, Brandon
Knoche: Kevin Koller: Letter Cl.
1-4, Turn. King 4, St. Aide 2-4, FB
1-4, Wrestling 2-4, Track 1-4, Peer
4, Steve Koon: SHS 3-
4, Mentor, SC 4, Matthew
Kolodziej: Fr. Cl. 2, BB 1, Steven
Kotowski: Ja. Cl. 3-4, Joshua
Kuchenberg: Bl. Dr. 3-4, SC, Oly.
2, Prom. Com. 3, GHS 3-4, NHS
3-4, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help.
2, St. Aide 4, SG 3-4, SC 4, Base-
ball 1-4, Tennis 2-4, Peer 4, Greg

Kuzmar: Key Cl. 4, Tennis 1-
4, Melanie Laciak: Turn. Court
4, Turn. Com. 4, Prom. Com.
3, NHS 3-4, SHS 3-4, Hon. Dip.,
VB 1-4, BB 1-4, Jeremy Lange:
Nadine Lesiowski: Band 1-
4, Ger. Cl. 1-4, NHS 3-4, GHS 2-
4, Nat. Help. 3, St. Aide 3-4; Ri-
chard Litavec: Erin Lottino:
HTC 1-4, Fr. Cl. 3-4, NAHS 3-
4, Nat. Help. 3, NHS 3-4, Hon.
Dip., St. Aide 4, Meghann
Lowry: Choir 1-2, Sp. Cl. 1-2,
Dance 1-2, SHS 2-3, NHS 3-4, Hon.
Dip., Mentor 4, Link 4, S&D 3, HTC
1-4, Guard 1-4, 1-4, SC, Oly.
2, Don Maicher; Jason
Marshall: Bl. Dr., Key Cl. 2-4, S&S
4, Jennifer Matias: St. Aide 4, Will-
iam Mayer: FB 1, Leslie



4, Madrigals 2-4, Track 1, HTC 1-
4, Melissa Fuller: Band 1-4, Ger. Cl.
1-3, Teresa Fuhrman: Ger. Cl. 2,
Fr. Cl. 1-4, NAHS 1-4, NHS 2-
4, FHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., Mentor,
S. C. Oly. 3-4; Chris
Geiser: NAHS, Track, Swimming,
CC, Jane Georgopolis: Brian
Gifford: Bl. Dr., Choir 1-4, Ger. Cl.
1-4, NHS 3-4, GHS 2-4, Hon. Dip.,
St. Aide 4, Tennis 1-4, Shannon
Gogolak: Aud. 1-4, Bl. Dr., French
Cl. 1-4, Key Cl. 1-4, FHS 2-4, NHS 3-
4, NAHS 2-4, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help.
3, SC 1-4, SC 1-4, Cheer 1-3, CC 3-
4, Track 1-4, HTC 1-4, Peer 4, Shield
3-4, Snowflake 1-4, TREND 4, Jennie
Govett: Bl. Dr., Prom. Court 3, NHS
Court 4, Prom. Com. 3, SHS 2-4, NHS
3-4, Mentor 4, Nat. Help. 3-4, SC 4,
1, Track 1, Soc. 2, Melissa
Gray: Home Court 4, Prom. Court
3, Prom. Com. 3, GHS 2-4, NAHS 2-
4, NHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help.
2, Link 3, SC 4, VB 1, BB 1-2, Tennis 1-
4, Mandy Greene: Latin Cl. 1-
2, Hon. Dip. 4, Peer 3, Janet
Greleick: Bl. Dr., Prom. Court,
Home, Queen, Prom. Com.,
Turn. Com., St. Aide 4, VB 1-3;
Ronald Guidotti: French Cl. 1-
4, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-4, FHS 2-4, St. Aide
4, SC 1-4, HTC 1-
3, HIS, Nat. Merit; Cristina
Gutierrez: Bl. Dr., Choir 1, Ja. Cl.
4, French Cl. 1, Jeremy Halton: Dave

Hood; Edward Hoolehan:
Ger. Cl. 3-4,
4, GHS, NHS, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help.,
FB 1-4, Wrestling 3-4, Peer
4, Chris Hoover; Nicole
Housley: Color Guard 2-4, Key
Cl. 1-4, TREND 3-4, SHS 2-
4, NHS 3-4, Nat. Help. 2, Peer 2-
3, Adam Hutsler: FB 1-4, Tracy
Jachim: Letter Girls 1, Dale
Jarvis: Darrin Jendras; Darryl
Jendreas; Brandi
Johnsen: Bl. Dr., Dan
Jones: Aud. 3-4, HTC 3-4, Mark
Jones: NHS 3-4, FHS 2-
3, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help. 2-3, BB
1, Baseball 1-4, Molly
Jones: Bl. Dr., Nat. Help. 3, NHS
4, St. Aides 2-4, SC 4, Soc. 2-
4, Track 1, Shield 3-4, Kelsey
Jonkman; Erin Kahn: Academic
Decathlon 2, Fr. Cl. 1-4, TREND
3-4, Key Cl. 1-4, FHS 3-4, NHS 4,
Hon. Dip., St. Aide 4, SC 2, Peer
3, Melissa Kaniuk: Bl. Dr., Prom.
Queen 3, Prom. Com. 3, Turn.
Com. 2-3, Mentor 4, Soc. 2-4, BB
1-3, Peer 3, Chris
Karpinec: Letter Cl. 2, FB 1-
3, Wrestling 2, Eric Kekeis: Soc.
1-4, Track 2-3, Shannon
Kemp: Bl. Dr. 4, Key Cl. 1, Snow-
flake 3, Prom. Com. 3, Turn. Com.
3-4, Mentor 4, Nat. Help.
4, St. Aide 3-4, Track 1, Cheer 1-
4, Diving 4, Bryan

McConathy; Michael
McGrath: Tennis 3-4, Craig
McLain; Melissa McManus: Aud. 1,
Guard 1-4, Choir 1-4, Snowflake 1-
4, Dance 1-4, SC 1, HTC 1-4, Peer
2, Dan Mendoza: Bl. Dr., SC 4, Prom.
Court 3, Turn. Court 4, Nat. Help.
3, St. Aide 2, SG 1, FB 1, Chris
Messman: Bl. Dr., Nat. Help. 3, BB
1, Chris Mihalich; David
Miller: Band 1-4, SHS 3-4, NHS
4, Hon. Dip., SC 4, Peer 4, SC, Oly.
3, Rick Miller: Choir 1-4, Ja. Cl. 2-
4, JHS 3-4, Hon. Dip., St. Aide 2-
3, Baseball 1-2, BB 1, Golf 4, Snow-
flake 4, Steve Miller: Band 1-
4, Bl. Dr., Choir 4, TREND 3, Orches-
tra 4, SC 3, Bryan Milosheff: Ja. Cl.
2-4, JHS 3-4, Hon. Dip.; Laura
Milosheff: Turn. Com. 4, NAHS 2-
4, NHS 3-4, SHS 2-
4, Hon. Dip., St. Aides 1-4, BB 1-4,
St. Aide, Cheer 1-4, Soc. 1-4, Sara
Nichols: BPA 4, HTC Oly. 1-4, Alyssa
Oros: Aud., St. Aides 1-4; Maria
Ortiz: Fr. Cl. 1, Key Cl. 1, TREND
1, Jon Orzechowicz; Mike Paganelli:
Link 4, Soc. 1-4, Candy
Parsons: Hon. Dip., S. Dancy
Paulauski: Acc. Dec. 4, Band 1-3,
Sp. Cl. 1, Track 1-2, Aud. 1-2, Pedro
Pedroza: Sp. Cl. SHS 2-4, St. Aides 3-
4, FB 1, Jody Pete: Band 1-3, NHS
3-4, Hon. Dip., Mentor 4, Nat. Help.
4, St. Aide 3-4, FHS 2-4, Nick
Peters: Soc. 1-4, Wrestling 1-4, FB
1, Marcia Peterson; Stacie
Peterson; Michael
Petty: Bl. Dr., Nat. Help. 3, FB

1-4, Nat. Help. 3, St. Aides 2-4, Soc.
1-4, Track 2-4, CC 1, BB 1, Kristie
Muncie: Bl. Dr. 4, Ja. Cl. 3, Nat. Help.
3-4, St. Aide 2-4, St. Aide 2-4, SG
1, Cheer 1-2, Ronald Muvich: BPA
3, Ja. Cl. 3-4, St. Aide 3-4, Mai Lei
Naglich: Bl. Dr., Key Cl. 1-
4, Ger. Cl. 1-4, Prom. Com. 3, NHS 3-
4, GHS 2-4, NAHS 1-
4, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help. 2, SG 1-2, SC
1-4, Cheer 1-4, Shield 3-4, Brandon
Neeley: Bl. Dr., Wrestling 1, Nicholas
Negovitch: Acc. Dec. 1-2, BB 1, Dr.
3-4, Choir 4, Key Cl. 4, SHS 2-4, NHS
3-4, Hon. Dip., Nat. Help.
2, St. Aides 1-4, St. Aide 1-2, FB 1-
4, Baseball 1-4, HTC Oly. 1-4, Sara
Nichols: BPA 4, Soc. 1-4, Alyssa
Oros: Aud., St. Aides 1-4; Maria
Ortiz: Fr. Cl. 1, Key Cl. 1, TREND
1, Jon Orzechowicz; Mike Paganelli:
Link 4, Soc. 1-4, Candy
Parsons: Hon. Dip., S. Dancy
Paulauski: Acc. Dec. 4, Band 1-3,
Sp. Cl. 1, Track 1-2, Aud. 1-2, Pedro
Pedroza: Sp. Cl. SHS 2-4, St. Aides 3-
4, FB 1, Jody Pete: Band 1-3, NHS
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Peterson; Michael
Petty: Bl. Dr., Nat. Help. 3, FB

SENIORS THE JOURNEY IS ALMOST OVER

"Senior year is all about making the final memories with all of your friends before going separate ways."

Joan Desler

The day that the seniors of 1997 have been waiting for has finally drawn near, Graduation Day.

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Graduation day is not about things ending. Rather it is about the rest of your life beginning. The time has come for the seniors to move on and begin the next step into their lives. They must put high school behind them, and walk straight ahead into the future.

• Shawna Pitts

In the snow, are officers Robyn Bogner, Josh Kuechenburg, Nikki Dopka, Shannon Gogolak, and sponsor Mrs. Ray.



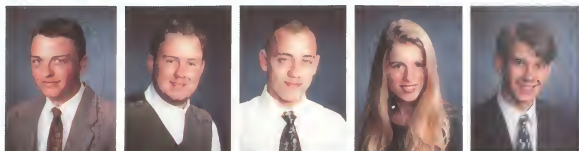
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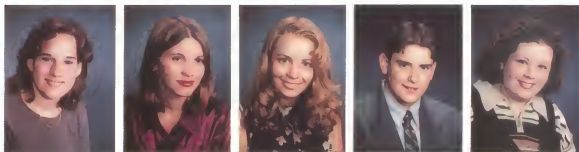
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Robyn Bognar
Dennis Bolda
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Ray Borowiec
Evie Bouvat



Christine Brackett
Shannon Bruce
Roberta Bruner
Marc Buck
Hilary Burd
Gabriel Cabrera
Steven Caddick
Christopher Calderon



Jose Calderon
Ryan Campbell
Jeremy Cash
Kathryn Challman
Kristin Challman
Kristen Chapman
Joseph Chervenak
Sharon Chiang



Joshua Childs
Kimberly Christenson
Michael Chu
Bryan Claesgens
Jason Clark
William Cochran
Zachary Condes
Jason Cooper



Rachel Courtright
Karen Crane
Deanna Crum
Dana Culic
Nicholas Czapla
Lisa Davies
Michelle DeBoer
Joan Dessler



Stevan Djukich
Veronica Dopka
Heather Douglas
Kelly Dudash
David Duke
James Durall
Tonni Edwards
Daniel Egan



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HIGH SCHOOL IS ALMOST A MEMORY

Thirteen short years ago, the Class of 1997 first started their education in kindergarten. Things sure have changed since then, seniors are no longer sitting in classrooms and coloring pictures. Instead, seniors are starting to prepare themselves for college.

Through their years in high school, many things have changed in their lives. Friends have been lost and friends have been gained along the way. Everyone has had grown up and matured since freshman year. Things that mattered when they were younger, do not seem to matter as much now.

The seniors have come a long way. From being those immature freshmen to those big seniors. They senior class barely any money at the start of junior year. The class got together to raise enough money to have a

very successful prom.

As senior year has approached, seniors are making the best use of their time left. They are doing things that they did not do earlier in high school. Knowing that soon their high school days will be ending, seniors are getting closer together. The seniors of 1997 will have a lot of good memories, together as a class.

So as those seniors walk out those doors for the last time, they will be taking with them the memories that they have made along the way. Those memories will be looked back onto many times, and many times a smile will cross a face.

•Shawna Pitts

Dennis Bolda gets ready for his favorite hobby — Civil War reenactment — as he gets ready for battle.



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THE REAL WORLD AWAITS

Since the class of 1997 first entered the high school, they have waited for June 8th, 1997. The day that they would be free of their high school lives, and now the journey is almost over.

Seniors are now beginning to think where the time has gone. It seems just like yesterday that the seniors started high school and now they are preparing to leave. There will be no more Friday night games or dances to go to as a student.

As the year is coming to an end, the seniors sit back to remember the fun that has led up to this point.

•Shawna Pitts

"Senior year is all about making final memories of your high school year."

Evie Bouvat

Kelly, Nikki, Rachel, Julie, Bobbi, Lisa, Jenny, and Betty show their senior spirit by wearing orange.



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Anthony Elder
Christine Emslander
Alex Evon
Gina Fandrei
Jennifer Farago
Jason Fenolio
Emmanuel Figueroa
Melissa Fuller



Teresa Furman
Chris Geiser
Bryan Gifford
Shannon Gogolak
Jennie Govert
Melissa Gray
Mandy Greene
Janet Grelecki



Ronald Guidotti
Christina Gutierrez
Warren Halls
Jeremy Halton
David Hamstra
Douglas Hanson
Joshua Hanson
Philip Harreld



Tracey Harris
Adam Hart
Mark Havens
Sarah Hawkins
Adam Hayes
Amber Hernandez
Deanna Herrin
Robert Hollingsworth



Steven Hood
Edward Hoolehan
Christopher Hoover
Nicole Housley
Adam Hustler
Tracy Jachim
Dale Jarvis
Brandi Johnsen



Daniel Jones
Mark Jones
Molly Jones
Kelsey Jonkman
Erin Kahn
Melissa Kaniuk
Christopher Karpinec
Eric Kekeis

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Bryan Kendzierski
Jeffrey Kerr
Gina Kirinch
Kamille Kish
Jill Kissee
Brandon Knoche
Kevin Kobli



Steven Kocon
Matthew Kolodziej
Steven Kotlowski
Joshua Kuechenberg
Greg Kuzmar
Melanie Laciak
Nadine Lesiowski
Richard Litavec



Erin Lottino
Meghann Lowry
Donald Maicher
Jason Marshall
Jennifer Matias
William Mayer
Michael McGrath
Melissa McManus



Daniel Mendoza
Christopher Messmann
Christopher Mihalich
David Miller
Richard Miller
Stephen Miller
Laura Miloschhoff
Crystal Mitchell



Michelle Mitchell
Melissa Moore
Rebecca Moore
Elijah Moss
Timothy Mucha
Kristie Munsie
Mai Lei Naglich
Brandon Neeley



Nicholas Negovetich
Sara Nichols
Alyssa Oros
Jonathan Orzechowicz
Michael Pagnelli
Candy Parsons
Sandra Paulauski
Jody Pete



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WHAT'S REALLY OUT THERE?

Three years ago a scared group of freshmen walked down the halls of Highland High School frightened and alone. They had heard the horrifying tales of the senior pranks, hoping that one would not be played on them. They went out of their ways to class just so they didn't have to pass the harassing senior bench.

As time went by this class slowly eased past the pranks and were finally getting accepted, somewhat. They longed for the day that they too would become the mighty seniors.

Three years later Class of '97 reached the top, but realized it's not all it's cracked up to be. To some, senior year seemed scarier than being a freshman in a room full of seniors. They now

realized that the world is knocking on their door, and soon they must answer.

Adult hood is catching up to them, and they can't hide. No more calling Mommy for help; they must learn to survive the big lonely streets of life alone. "I've been looking forward to my senior year for a long time, but now that it's here I'm not sure if I'm ready for it. College is less than one year away, and I'm not sure if I can survive," states Senior Molly Jones.

So now instead of being freshmen in a hall full of seniors, The Class of '97 are adults, ready to struggle in the world of life.

Deanna Crum

The seniors are all decked out to walk in what will be their last Homecoming parade.



• **Class of '97**

ONE LAST FAREWELL

.....
 "Senior
 year means
 getting
 on with my
 life, and
 putting
 graduation
 behind
 me."
 Molly Jones

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•Shawna Pitts

Seniors Bobbi Bruner, Nikki Dopka, and Gina Fandrei pose for a picture during Turnabout.



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Nicholas Peters
Marcia Petersen
Stacie Peterson
Michael Petty
Christy Phebus
Melissa Pieszchala
Vincent Pistilli
Shawna Pitts



Justin Poe
Anthony Polito
Sara Potapenko
Garritt Pruim
Kelly Quail
David Rivera
Rebecca Roche
Kathryn Ross



Christopher Ruiz
Jeremy Rumas
Melissa Satanek
Heather Saulsgiver
Amanda Scheidt
Anne Schmal
Matthew Schmidt
Jessica Schullek



Elizabeth Schutte
Anne Scott
Jennifer Sedrak
Erin Seidl
William Sellis
Michael Simala
Jason Sivak
Dan Slager



Matthew Smith
Theresa Smith
Jessica Stanley
Melissa St. Aubyn
Mark Stephens
Christopher Stok
Frank Sturges III
Ericka Swanson



Geoffrey Tanses
Ronald Tam
Kara Taylor
Frank Tokoly
Jennifer Tom
Tara Torringa
Melina Trujillo
Gregory Turich

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Betsy Vandernoord
 Starr Vazquez
 Angela Ventling
 Angie Vermejan
 Alison Wajvoda



Reagan Wallner
 Denise Walters
 Courtney Warner
 Kelly Weyer
 Melissa Wilkinson



Clyde Williams
 Natalie Williams
 Scott Williams
 Mindy Wilson
 Brian Wynn



Carrie Yatsko
 Jong Yeo
 Noel Zemaitis
 Carri Ziemniak



Seniors Erin Kahn and Teresa
 Furman read their books to chil-
 dren at Merkley school for an
 assignment in French class.



• Jeff & Mike, Part of Us •



Mike Labus



Jeff Dancho

Two members of the Class of '97 did not appear in cap and gown on Graduation Day. Instead they were present that day in the hearts of their classmates and friends -- as they will always be present to those who have loved them.

Michael Labus and Jeff Dancho were two valued members of this class. Each, however, battled illnesses which took them from us much, much too soon. Mike and his terrific smile -- Jeff's ability to always break the ice and make people laugh - - will never be forgotten.

We will remember these two special classmates with love. They too are always part of the Class of '97.



Seniors

Senior year is all about getting together with friends before that final farewell. We have had many memories together, ones that we will cherish. When we walked in here four years ago we never knew the friendships we would make, and never knew the impact we would make on other peoples lives. The last four years have gone by so fast and we had to create many changes in our lives, that will help us to become who are meant to be. We have changed our points of view on what we once considered important to what has become reality as we know it.

Though we may be leaving the friends we made in high school, it does not mean we are leaving forever. The many friends we have had, have made a lasting impression of which many of us would never forget.

•Denise Walters

Seniors Molly, Shannon, Juli, Kelly, Nikki, Mandi, Rachel, Betty, Bill, Dana, Reagan, Ryan, and Deanna take picture in the commons after a long day of classes.

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Some typical members of the Class of 1997 are: Tara Torringa, Meghann Lowry, Nadine Lesiowski, Nikki Dopka, Josh Kuchenberg, Robyn Bognar and Shannon Gogolak.



Four Years

At Highland High!

We take the best of memories
leaving with the best of hopes

Four years ago, it seemed as though we would be freshmen forever.

Now that we are forced to finish the last chapter of our high school career, we are left trying to grasp onto some of the most memorable experiences we will ever encounter as our lives begin to wind their own ways through history.

When we entered the school as freshmen at the low end of the totem pole, we had the privilege to be the first class to roam the newly renovated school. In turn, we were the last class to be acquainted with Sarge. We were given a mini-vacation in January when school was cancelled for two days due to extremely frigid temperatures.

When our sophomore year rolled around, many changes were thrown our way. "D" lunch hour was eliminated as we picked up a seventh class period. Ms. Ledyard returned to us as Mrs. Merrill, while Mrs. Giddings became Mrs. Backes! Many of us began carting our friends around rather than relying on Mom.

As we attended our first class our junior year, a deep sense of satisfaction pervaded the minds of all of us, for we were finally upperclassmen. "A Night In Paradise" was a huge success as our prom. Fire struck two bathrooms during first hour one day, forcing us to evacuate the building for hours. PBA days were introduced, allowing us to get a half-day off every month. A drug raid

caused several students to confront expulsion charges.

Then we became the last class to graduate under Dr. Ventling.

Senior year is one that seems to have flown by faster than any other year in history. Most kids began looking forward to college with great anticipation, as "senioritis" set in.

Since entering the school as freshmen, we have developed and grown a great deal over our years together. We have been closer than ever, realizing that at the end of this school year there will be no more football games, plays, dances, or chances to call a truce to some petty difference we have had with another classmate.

It is impossible to capture the essence of what truly went on in our four years without the mention of the tragic and sudden losses of our dear classmates, Mike Labus and Jeff Dancho, who forced us to re-evaluate our own lives as many attended services for these two truly exceptional people. These experiences forced us to let go of two friends before we were ready, but we will always consider them to be valued members of the Class of '97.

All in all, it has been a memorable four years!

Anne Scott, '97

Kevin Allen
Jason Allison
David Amrhein
Nicole Anast
Lisa Anderson
Ryan Arnold



Kristin Aros
Lisa Augustin
Denise Augustyniak
Heather Austin
Sara Bach
Brian Bajda



Marisa Baker
Michael Banas
Emily Barney
Kristen Beard
Pamela Bedka
Anthony Begala



Anthony Benda
Jefferey Bender
Elizabeth Bennett
Kelly Berea
David Biernacki
Anthony Bilotto



JUNIORS The Thrill of An UPPERCLASSMEN

Finally, the class of 1998 joins the level of being an upperclassman. No longer is this class stuck in-between the levels of being a freshman and the upperclassman.

The majority of the juniors now have their drivers license, which means no more waiting for mom or dad to pick them up. Usually a later curfew comes along with the privledge to driving since mom and dad don't have to stay up anymore.

All of the hard work on raising money for Prom finally pays off. After all the planning for the past two years, the juniors get to see the final product. Prom is the major event of junior year and perhaps the biggest memory.

•Shawna Pitts

This year's Junior class officer's consisted of Tres. Brian Zelenke, Pres. Beth Lomax, V.P. Erica Ribicki, and Sec. Sara Bobley.





Kara Blahnik
Kenneth Blair
Sara Bodley
Elizabeth Bohanan
Sara Borowiec
Stefanie Bradley



Cheryl Brouillette
Bryan Brownwell
Timothy Burkman
Amy Callahan
Fred Callaway Jr.
Lauren Capretti



Jessica Chapin
Troy Childers
Beverly Church
Richard Ciciora
Kathleen Coble
Dena Comer



Michael Cook
Steven Cortright
Matthew Courtright
Erin Crosby
Ryan Dargewich
Anthony De La Cruz



Jonathan DelRio
Caroline Diaz
Cynthia Drake
Jacob Drlich
Julaine Dyke
Brett Elliott



Eric Fandrei
Ernest Faragoi
Kimberly Fenolio
Eric Fisher
Audrey Foote
Sarah Frazee



Tanja Freitag
Thea Fritz
Tera Gagne
Amanda Geary
David Gibson
Gina Gile



Jonathan Gortat
Matthew Gouwens
Margaret Grantner
Olivia Griner
Cynthia Gutierrez
Dustin Hall

GETTING READY FOR THE JUNIORS REAL WORLD

Are you ready? With the realization that graduation is only a year away, many juniors have begun planning towards their futures.

Even as we speak there are junior classmen collecting information on colleges and scholarships. Did you realize a majority of scholarships are based on not only your educational background, but also your extracurricular and community activities?

There are so many things to think forward to after graduation, don't push off your education and dreams. Without them it may be hard to accomplish who you plan on becoming.

Junior year is a year of a lot of laughs and fun, but remember not to blow off school until later, you only get one chance.

• Denise Walters

Junior Tanja Freitag plays the xylophone for the band, she is also a foreign exchange student from Germany.



Kristen Hall
Lesley Haluska
Sarah Ham
Suzanne Hanafi
Amy Hanchar
Richard Harris



Melissa Hart
Patrick Hasselbring
Kenna Hasselhof
Erin Hawkins
Julie Head
Matthew Heffernan



Kristina Helmer
Victoria Herrera
Jamie Hess
Jessica Higgins
Gregory Hines
Jason Hinojosa



Donna Hmielewski
Adam Holguin
John Hollingsworth
April Howard
Carrie Hrasch
Jaclyn Hudson





Matthew Ispas
Kevin James
Chad Janik
Michael Jelski
Matthew Johnson
Megan Jones



Alison Joseph
Jennifer Kaczka
Anastasios Katopodis
Laura Kelderman
Sarah Kerr
Melissa Kile



James Kissee
Michael Klein
Elizabeth Klemm
Matthew Klocck
Heather Kraly
Kathryn Krooswyk



Allison Kukuch
Dana Lambert
Aaron LaSota
Joseph Lenehan
Suzanne Lewis
Dollie Lipa



Mary Lis
Nicholas Locke
Beth Lomax
Kristy Lopez
Benjamin Lyon
Lauryn Macek



Yolanda Maggi
Amanda Maglish
Eric Mann
Anne Marie Martin
Megan Marx
Amanda Mathews



Tommy Mayer
David Mazur
Brianne McClellan
Elizabeth McCoy
Kevin McMahon
Richard Mendoza



Molly Menke
Andrew Messmann
Sarah Metzger
Jessica Meyer
Craig Mihalic
Christine Miller

Matthew Miller
Michael Mis
Danielle Moes
Pebbles Moore
Monica Morales
Jacob Murphy



Erinn Musielak
Brett Nagdeman
Lori Natelborg
Bradley Neal
Erik Nelson
Michelle Nieckula



Melissa Nolen
Jaclyn Novak
Kathleen O'Leary
Brienne Oliver
Amanda Ooms
Keith Orban



Katherine Ortiz
Jennifer Palonis
Nikki Papalambros
Matthew Patterson
Joellen Pavnica
Christine Penwell



Renee Petersen
Erin Peterson
Brennan Pierce
Lawrence Plawecki
Julia Potter
Kendra Potts



Trisha Powell
Sabrina Pratt
Joyana Progar
Sean Rankin
Alejandro Reyes
Sara Reynolds



Diane Rhein
Hannah Rhoades
Erica Ribicki
Jennifer Rich
Robert Roe
Jennifer Rolland



Michelle Romano
Jeffrey Rose
Kristen Rowinski
David Rutell
Edward Ryan
Jillian Saczawa



Friendship ... during the vital years



Through high school students meet a variety of people. Some friendships have been formed since elementary school and others happen in the first three years of high school.

You might not realize how important your friends truly are until you've reach a crisis. A true friend is one who will be there for you rain or shine. You may have known that person all your life or it maybe the person who quietly listens in the back of your class.

The true meaning of life in high school is to enjoy the time you have to spend with your friends.

•Denise Walters

Juniors Hondo Reyes, Josh Waldron, and Ken Blair are with a buch of friends at a basketball game.



Desiree Salinas
Nina Sandoval
Gretchen Schu
Nicholas Schwerin
Rebecca Seiner
Peter Severson



Stacy Shaginaw
Amanda Siebold
Tami Sietsma
Michele Simala
Rachel Slager
Molly Sleeman



Dana Smith
Sarah Soto
Jill Sprainis
Timothy Stacy
Joseph Stanis
Joshua Stephen



April Stirling
Angela Suto
Rachel Sweeney
Timothy Swiss
Brandon Tauber
Kelly Thompson

Kimberly Thompson
Ryan Tomich
Brent Torrenga
Timothy Trubach
Katherine Underwood
Sarah Van Bodegraven



Timothy Vanderbilt
Carlos Vargas
Amber Vercel
Sheryl Viduka
Joshua Waldron
Amy Warren



Ami White
Ryan Wilson
Jeffrey Winston
Matthew Wojnicz
Tiffany Wojno
Amanda Wood



Andrea Wories
Patty Xidias
Jeremy York
Cheryl Zalewski
Natalie Zdonek
Brian Zelenke



Tommy Zsidai



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Junior Val Padilla
makes the trek to the
middle school building
for an afternoon class.



Junior Spirit Reigns!



Sophomores building up to LEADERSHIP

Now that Sophomores have gotten through their first two years, many of the underclassmen have begun stepping up to leadership roles.

You may not even realize the person you have been sitting next to all year is in charge of one of the school clubs. There are even students who are going to begin learning the ropes of leadership.

So why is leadership so important this early in life? For one thing it builds character and another reason is that it helps you become your own person. A leader has to be willing to take time and communicate with others. It's not so much the followers who are remembered as the people who would lead them on through life.

Denise Walters

Sophomore class officers John Leimbach, Cori Stout, and Kristin Laflech stuck together this year making plans for the sophomore class.



Jayson Abrego
Lawrence Adamoski
Candice Alvarez
Melissa Angerhofer
Gregory Armatys
Joshua Arreguin



Melissa Austin
Kristen Babcock
Alan Banhart
Marci Banas
Michelle Barczak
Leanne Barney



Rebecca Barrell
Michael Barsic
Cathleen Bartlett
Ryan Bates
Melissa Batka
Jeffrey Bazarko



Sarah Beda
Carolyn Belli
Simon Bishop
Jason Blauw
Matthew Blomuist
Melissa Boersma





Rebecca Bogusz
Lindsay Bonaventura
Christel Borkowski
Michelle Boroughs
Kenneth Boyd
Kevin Brakely



Derek Brechner
Sarah Bruner
Kristi Buckley
Sarah Castro
James Cederholm
Kara Chapman



Dina Comforti
Brandon Cook
Robert Crawford
Andrea Cribari
Jessica Crook
Megan Cosby



Theresa Csanyi
Amy Cuevas
Andrew Cummins Jr.
Brian Cunningham
Jamie De La Paz
Charles Dearmond



Jessica Dec
Kristi Decanter
David DeMuth
Patricia Detterline
Joel Dimpfl
Sara Downey



David Durbrick
Jennifer Duncan
Brian Dvorak
Rachel Dvorscak
Kevn Egan
Regina Ellis



Brooke Elzinga
James Emslander
Kristin Essary
Timothy Evilsizer
Brooke Fentress
Nicole Figlio



Anne Filipiak
Thomas Fistrovich
Marina Flores
Robert Fuller
Teresa Gagne
Elizabeth Galiher

Natasha Gatlin
Jacob Gavura
Christopher Gifford
Laura Gogolak
Nicole Goldasich
Faith Gonzalez



Melissa Gonzalez
Melanie Gorczyca
Heather Gorski
Michelle Grau
Scott Green
Clyde Greeson



Michael Greiner
Michael Grove
Julianne Guidotti
Michael Guilfoyle
Eric Gulden
Amy Gulvas



Leah Gunn
Joseph Guzman
Brooke Hallahan
Rebekah Halls
Matthew Hankins
Cheryl Hanson



Micheal Harkabus
Ryan Hayne
Ronald Heaton
Christopher Hejmej
Blair Hendren
Michael Hentig



Mathew Herald
Nicole Hernandez
Sara Hernandez
Holly Hershman
Andrew Hill
Robert Hillman



John Hoogeveen
Nicholas Horn
Michael Hornyak
Jessica Horsley
Laura Huneryager
Tricia Hussey



Justin Iliff
Katherine Jasinski
Laura Jelski
William Johnsen
Cheresa Jonkman
Margaret Jostes





Janelle Jurjevic
Michael Jusko
Alissa Kahn
Nicholas Karin
Tiffany Kay
Stephanie Keith

Lynette Kelly
Ryan Kemp
Amy Knoche
Kelly Kohler
Alan Kolodziej
Violetta Kosmulski

Donald Kotynski
Carrie Kulczyk
Jonathan Kvara
Eric LaBorde
Mark Laciak
Kristin LaFlech

Jennifer Lannon
Brian Latawiec
John Leimbach
Daniel Lewis
Michael Lewis
Evelyn Lindsey

It's Time to take a break

Sit back and RELAX!



The sophomore class has been up and at busy this year. Many students have been stressed out from the heavy homework load, while others are spending their time working or participating in extracurricular activities after school.

It seems that many of the sophomores have become workaholics and forgotten that they are still teenagers. Having some spare cash lying around is great, but so is hanging out with your friends after school and on the weekends.

•Denise Walters

Sophomore Leanne Barney takes a break from her normal routine to sit down and show her Trojan spirit.

Janet Linn
Amie Luce
April Lundy
Brian Luyster
Corinna Maggi
Sean Maloney



Ryan Manno
Michael Markovich
Abigail Martin
Amber Matheny
Meghann Maves
Anne McCullom



Kevin McGee
Mark McKinney
Margaret Menke
Douglas Mesman
Zachary Mielcarek
Jeremy Milhas



Joanna Miller
Sara Miller
Jamie Mirowski
Jennifer Mroz
Katherine Murphy
Jason Murzyn



Derek Nimetz
Joshua Novak
Julie Payne
Nathan Peach
Michael Pepelea
Kevin Peres



Susanne Peterson
Dean Petty
Katy Phebus
Courtney Piroosko
Gayle Pischner
Angela Pitts



Cara Porter
Aaron Quail
Joseph Rahmany
Danielle Ramirez
Darcilia Ramirez
James Randall



Jason Reilinger
Lennon Reyes
Catherine Ring
Nicholas Rohling
Monika Romano
Marisha Rosenski



What's in a name?

Especially Sophomore...

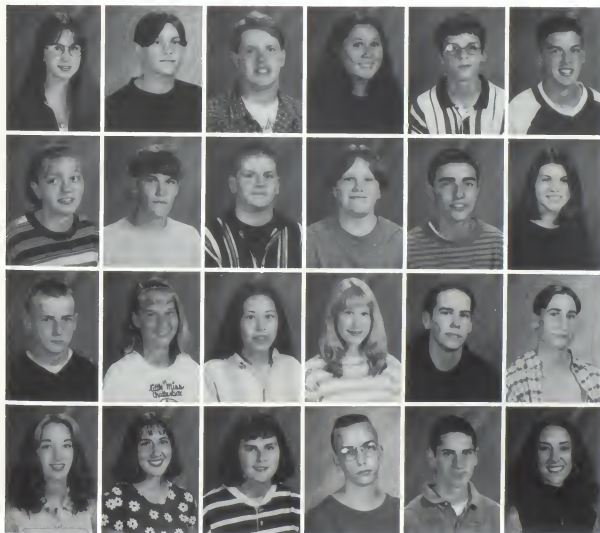


Have you ever stopped to think about what sophomore means? How about the term "sophomoric?"

According to the dictionary it means foolish or the second year of high school or college. But is the dictionary right?

It seems the majority of the HHS sophomore class is much more. Some may act in an immature way at times, but this class has been doing a lot of things well. Some actually are becoming leaders in the school, and are anything but "sophomoric."

Sophomores Julie Smith and Jennifer Wagoner prove that friendship is the best thing to have in high school.



Renee Rosignol
Christopher Rotas
Nicholas Ruhs
Anabel Ruiz
Nicholas Rumas
Ryan Rybicki

Alisha Scartozzi
Andrew Schmidt
Joseph Schranz
Christopher Scoleri
Jordan Sekulovski
Ellen Seremet

Philip Shortes
Traci Sietsma
Karen Skaggs
Sarah Sknerski
Thomas Slamkowski
Brian Slattery

Jill Slupczynski
Julia Smith
Stephane Smolar
Robert Sochacki
Anthony St. Aubyn
Michelle Stacy

Ashley Stan
Jason Staniszeski
Jennifer Stapke
Melissa Stok
Cori Stout
Amanda Street



Jason Sturges
Jason Such
Jennifer Szczepanski
Amanda Taalman
Sean Tharp
Timothy Thelen



Timothy Thomas
Jason Tom
Elizabeth Tometczak
Nicholas Tratta
Christopher Tucker
Kevin Tucker



Nicole Tucker
Julie Turich
Mark Uline
Natalie Valle
Lori Van Prooyen
Heather Vanderpool



Amy Wagner
Jennifer Wagoner
Michelle Walter
Eric Warnecke
Polly Wheeler
Audrey White



Philip Whitener
Danielle Wilcox
Allan Willman
Jennifer Woodward
Peter Xidias
Jennifer York



Angela Zemen
Wayne Tomczak





Track team members Michelle Barczak, Stephanie Kieth, Angie Zemen, Darci Ramirez, Dani Ramirez, Teresa Gagne and Jelena Gober celebrate their victory together at Steak 'n' Shake.



Sophomores Angie Zemen and Elizabeth Tometczak listen as Mrs. Pickhart teaches her students the necessities of culinary arts. While sophomore Doug Mesman looks on to the rest of the day.

☆ Freshmen Face the Facts about school ☆

So the dream begins, it was the first day of school and from the start of the day everything goes wrong. Your hair is a mess, then missed the bus and to top off the horrible day, someone decided to do a senior initiation and you were the subject. This seems to be many freshmen's nightmare the night before entering into high school for the start of their next four years.

As you may have guessed by now things weren't quite so bad. So your hair was a mess, and you may have missed the bus, but think of it this way at least you made it through a year and still surviving.

•Denise Walters

Freshmen class officers Dana Moser, Jacki Ngovetich, and Kristin Kolodziej take pride in leading their classmates.



Jaclyn Adamoski
Eudokia Amanatidis
Magdalene Amanatidis
Christopher Anderson
Curtis Asher
Starr Barker



Bryan Barnes
Katherine Barney
Timothy Barsic
Matthew Bates
Daniel Baxter
Tayfun Bayrak



Eric Beard
Edward Begala
Erick Bokma
Samatha Bokori
Robert Bonham
Michael Bouvat



Kevin Boyd
Nicole Breger
Colleen Brill
Julie Bronisz
Shelley Brown
Daniel Bruce





Curtis Bush
Jennifer Cable
Anita Calderon
Melissa Campbell
Julie Canner
Darryl Carstensen



Kelly Casey
Amanda Cederholm
Lindsey Chappell
Emily Cooke
Jose Cortez
Jodie Cox



Jonathan Cuevas
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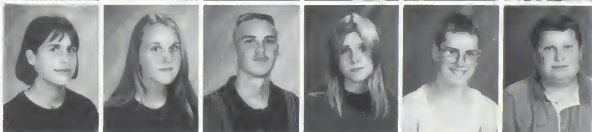
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Toni Dominguez
Jason Duran
Daryl Durham
Jacob Ellis
Eric Escobedo



Dana Espinoza
Dana Evanoff
Leanne Fandrei
Jeremy Fenolio
Michelle Fivecoat
Kenneth Forsythe



Lynnette Franko
Adam Franz
Simon Frey
Richard Garcia
Nicole Geffert
Elizabeth Glines



Jelena Gober
Amber Gold
Brandon Gold
Lisa Greeson
Robert Greeson
Joseph Grodzicki



Adriana Guardiola
Nathaniel Haines
Elizabeth Hall
Kerry Hall
Sara Hanafi
Thomas Haselberger

Martin Havens
Rachel Hayes
Lynn Hedges
Justin Hedrick
Jennifer Heintzman
Jennifer Helfen



Dana Herman
Mark Hernandez
Heather Herrin
Katherine Higgins
Sarah Hillman
Stephen Howe



Michael Hussey
Jason Jabczynski
Thomas Jelski
Teri Jerkins
Jay Jerome
Jonathan Johnsen



Joshua Johnson
Kathryn Johnson
Matthew Jones
Ryan Jones
Gregory Kaniuk
Angela Keene



Nicole Kerman
Miranda Kessler
Matthew Kile
Laurie Killmer
Richard Kinney
Christopher Kirincic



Wendy Koby
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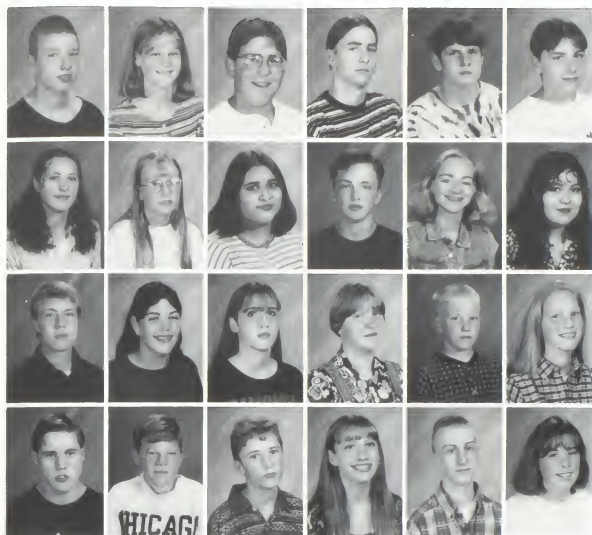


Julie Kruger
Craig Kuchenburg
Joanne Kwasney
Jeremiah Labadie
Kristin LaBuda
Jason Ladwig



Theodore Laich
Amy Lambert
Valerie Lamott
Bryan Lane
Jennifer Langel
Anthony Langner





Matthew Leep
Rebecca Lenehan
Brandon Lesniewski
Matthew Litavec
Elliot Lounsbury
Daniel Luce

Sarah Luketich
Laura Magerski
Vaishali Makwana
Eric Mantel
Courtney Margraf
Patricia Martinez

Daniel Matusik
Jennifer McFarlane
Lisa McGill
Michelle McNurlan
Russel Messmann
Heather Miller

Michael Miller
Paul Miller
Michael Miniuk
Amanda Moffitt
Justin Moore
Nichole Moore

It's Time to Start All Over Again!



Working together as a class sometimes may seem like a difficult chore. Some people know each other from middle school, while others are just starting now at Highland. It's not always easy taking the first initiative to get to know someone. What if you say something offensive or they just seem uninterested in what you have to say to them?

First impressions aren't always easy to come by, but once you get past that first sentence things get much better. It's better to try now than later.

•Denise Walters

These freshmen struggle together in an attempt to make and maintain the perfect class pyramid in the gym.

Nathan Morelli
Dana Moser
Kristin Moulesong
Eric Murphy
Rachel Murphy
Jennifer Mysliwy



Lee Natelborg
Ryan Neary
Jaclyn Negovetich
Isaac Nelson
Daniel Newlin
Gregory Nieckula



Nichole Nordyke
Brandon Norris
Valerie Novak
Nicholas Nowak
Jeffrey Nowell
John O'Connor



Nerrisa Orban
Megan Orr
Scott Paganelli
Jennifer Paswinski
John Paulauski
David Pavnica



Eric Perez
Autumn Peters
Paul Peterson
Joanna Petty
Greg Phelps
Melissa Pistorius



Nicole Pitlik
Jason Podoobinski
Chad Powell
Shawn Powell
David Rahmany
Shaun Ray



Miguel Reyes
Anita Reyna
Amanda Richwalski
Robert Ritz
Kevin Roche
David Rosales



Nicholas Rosenbaum
Jeffrey Ross
Julie Rozanski
James Rudy
Derek Runyan
Santos Salinas



New Experiences . . . year after year



No one ever said that high school would be easy. It takes plenty of patience, time, and learning.

As freshmen we come into the school unknowing of what will happen within the next four years. In order to overcome these years, people need to be open to new experiences. These experiences range from the SAT's to possibly travelling abroad with your Foreign language class.

Students don't realize that even learning about yourself can be a new experience.

•Denise Walters

Freshman Greg Nieckula gets his first taste of what it really means to be a freshman.



Andrew Satanek
Adam Scartozzi
Cassandra Scartozzi
Donald Scheidt
Nicole Schelinski
Michael Schroeter

Jason Schab
Sarah Scubelek
Nicole Seidl
Thomas Seliger
Jennifer Shelton
Carole Simala

John Simkus
Allison Sinder
Adrienne Smith
Allen Smith
Austin Smith
Brett Smith

Kristin Smith
Melody Snowdon
Jennifer Snyder
Lindsay Stanfel
Kevin Stout
Amanda Strader

Shannon Strader
Kevin Svitek
Yvonne Szklarz
Eric Talkington
Jared Tauber
Christopher Taylor



Wendy Thompson
Brad Thys
Melissa Timm
Michael Tometczak
Eric Tomich
Eric Toth



Michael Tothfalusi
Sara Trznadel
Tiffany Tuskan
Olivia Ulicni
Mary Uline
Mary Ullman



Lindsey Urbanek
Daniela Vargas
Nathaniel Vazquez
Jordan Villarreal
Stephanie Walaszek
Adam Waldron



Benjamin Waldron
Tiffany Wenrich
Julie Westberg
Stacie White
Lisa Wilson
Gregory Wojciechowski



Sarah Wood
Tyson Wurst
Ewa Zakrzacki
Megan Zendian
Susan Zurawski



FRESH



Soph

JUNIOR

SENIOR



The Class of 2000!





From football

GO BIG BLUE to softball

Time

Marches

On



It's About Sports!



Sports play an important role in the lives of Highland athletes. They work hard at their sport in order to make Highland proud.

Their determination shows through by hours of practice. While most of us are at home sleeping before school, these athletes are up at 5 a.m. working hard in order to perform their best in competition.

The athletes at Highland have the determination to win. They love the smell of competition and the taste of victory.

•Deanna Crum

Members of the girls basketball team celebrate after winning sectionals. Junior Kevin McMahon returns a serve. Freshman Jared Tauber breaks for the goal.

Football

New Coach — New Attitude — New Stats

• *Trojans Improve Record as Coach Smith Era Begins*

This season the Highland football team proved that they wouldn't let their past seasons bring them down. With a record of 6-4, the team had its first winning season in nine years.

Along with not having a winning record in nine years, the team had not won a Homecoming in seven years. This season they turned that all around. After being down at halftime, the guys came back to win the Homecoming game by one point.

"I think the biggest game for me personally and for the whole team was the Homecoming game against Bishop Noll. We were down at the half, but we were determined to win it and we did with a score of 19-18," stated senior captain Ryan Campbell.

The win against Kankakee Valley was also a big win for the Trojans,

because it was their first sectional win since '90.

Winning the major awards this year were seniors Ryan Campbell for Most Valuable, Alex Evon for Most Improved, and Ed Hoolehan for Mental Attitude.

Many players also received 1st Team All-Conference honors. These players included: Jose Alicea, Ryan Campbell, Brian Claesgens, Tony Elder, Alex Evon, and Scott Williams. Those who received honorable mentions were Dave Duke, Adam Hutsler, and Frank Sturges.

"I think this year the team had a lot to be proud of. Not only did they post the first winning season in nine years, but they helped bring about a positive attitude change in football," stated Coach Smith.

• Molly Jones



Football: Row 1: Coach M. Depta, Coach S. Edwards, T. Elder, M. Kloczek, J. Sturges, D. Rivera, M. Fuentes, E. Gulden, M. Miller, K. Orban, N. Peters, A. Hubler, Coach R. Flutka, Coach C. Augustin, Row 2: Coach D. Miller, Trainer D. Keen, J. Kisse, D. Rutell, J. Tom, J. Calderon, B. Claesgens, R. Fuller, T. Evislizer, S. Tucker, J. DelRio, N. Negoretich, B. Lyon, Head Coach B. Smith, Manager L. Augustin, Row 3: D. Duke, Manager J. Emulander, C. Hejmej, F. Shortes, K. Arnold, J. Staniszeski, D. Egan, D. Nimetz, M. Havens, M. Bishop, A. Evon, S. Williams, Row 4: F. Sturges, D. Turich, M. Cook, E. Hoolehan, K. Kobi, D. Hamstra, J. Hollingsworth, K. James, T. Thomas, A. Kolindziej, S. Caddick, D. Lewis, Row 5: J. Stephen, D. DeMuth, J. Alicea, F. Tokoly, R. Campbell, D. Brechner, K. Egan, A. LaSota, N. Ruhs

Frosh Football: Row 1: F. Garcia, D. Luce, J. Cuevas, R. Kinney, M. Havens, B. Gold, D. Bruce, Row 2: E. Escobedo, D. Pavnic, G. Wojciechowski, J. Vercel, M. Hernandez, B. Maynard, D. Jackson, L. Natelborg, Row 3: C. Bush, E. Murphy, E. Mantel, J. Ellis, M. Hussey, M. Miller, D. Lesniewski, J. Johnson, Row 4: E. Begala, D. Carstensen, K. Forsythe, E. Tomich, B. Smith, E. Beard, M. Bouvat, Row 5: K. Boyd, Coach Poynter, B. Norris, Coach McCallister, S. Ray, Coach Plesha, D. Matusik



The Highland quarterback, senior Ed Hoolehan, prepares to pass the ball off to his teammate to finish the play, while the other Highland quarterback senior Nick Negovetch gets ready to fire off the perfect pass to his teammate to score the touchdown.

Senior Tony Elder, below, carries the ball and tries to get through his opponent to score the touchdown. Tony played running back this season for the Trojan football team.



Above, senior Tony Elder watches the game intensely. Coach Smith, in his first year as the Trojan coach, calls the play.

The ball is about to be snapped into play by the Highland quarterback at the Homecoming game. The Trojans won 19-18.



Volleyball

One of the best seasons ever

• *Lake Central, Andrean — Key Wins*

After coming off an outstanding season, the girls' volleyball team hoped to repeat their excellent performance. They not only improved their record, but they defeated many old rivals. The ladies finished their season with a record of 20-6 and placing second in the Lake Ten Conference.

Some big games for the Lady Trojans this season were the Lake Central game and the Andrean game. They defeated Andrean in the first game of the season. They girls' have not beaten Andrean since Coach Elston had become the coach.

Another big win for the girls was the Lake Central game. The ladies have never beaten Lake Central. Another big accomplishment for them

this season was winning the Whiting Invite.

This year's major award winners consisted of senior Erin Seidl for the Most Valuable award, sophomore Laura Jelski for the Most Improved award, and senior Jill Kissee for the Mental Attitude award. Other honors were given to seniors Erin Seidl and Melanie Laciak for 1st team all-conference and senior Robyn Bognar recieved an honorable mention.

"I think this is the most successful season yet. We were in the top five in the area and we had an outstanding record. The whole team worked well together and everyone had a chance to play," stated head Coach Brian Elston.

•Molly Jones

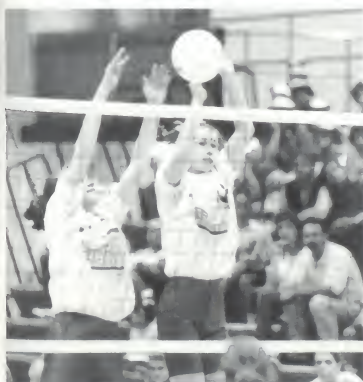


Varsity Volleyball: Row 1: E. Swanson, L. Capretti, J. Saczawa, K. Kish, Row 2: K. Thompson, M. Marx, A. Stirling, R. Bognar, M. Laciak, L. Jelski, Row 3: E. Seidl, Coach Elston, Coach Thompson, Coach Zabrecky, J. Kissee



J.V. Volleyball: Row 1: T. Penwell, S. Bruner, J. Spranis, L. Gogolak, Row 2: L. Chappell, B. Hallahan, C. Miller, A. Lundy, J. Shelton, Row 3: J. Petty, B. Lenehan, Coach Zabrecky, E. Zakrzacki





Left, the team discusses its next move. Senior Robyn Bogнар goes up for the block. Above, Kamille Kish serves to score the point, while Melanie Laciak protects her court from the opponent's hit. Above, Erin Seidl works to make a save while Megan Marx serves.

Tennis

Coach Mazur earns 300th win

• Kuechenberg receives MVP, All-Conference honors

The Highland Boys' Tennis team has a lot of talent and experience returning. There are eight returning juniors, six of which are lettermen. The seniors being lost are Josh Kuechenberg, Brian Gifford, Jason Yeo, Greg Kuzmar, and McGrath.

One of the highlights of this season was Coach Jerry Mazur's 300th victory. There are few coaches around who can claim this honor. Another highlight was the win over Portage. It was the first time in many years that Highland has beaten them.

Everyone played well for the Trojans this season. Consistent performances were given by Kevin McMahon, Dave Amrhein, and Josh Kuechenberg. The doubles team of Tim Stacy/ Rick Mendoza and Larry Plawecki/ Patrick Hasselbring had many great performances during the season.

Many of the players received All-Conference honors. Josh Kuechenberg received 1st team at 3-singles. Honorable mentions went to juniors Kevin McMahon at 1-singles, Dave Amrhein at 2-singles, and Tim Stacy and Rick Mendoza at 1-doubles.

Other than receiving All-Conference honors, major awards were given. Senior Josh Kuechenberg received Most Valuable, junior Dave Amrhein received Most Improved, and Mental Attitude went to Rick Mendoza.

"There was much more fan support this year than in the past. The volleyball team came to most of the home matches. They were a big support," stated Josh Kuechenberg.

"It was a great season, and the attitude was better than expected," stated Coach Jerry Mazur.

• Josh Kuechenberg



Tennis: Row 1: B. Gifford, G. Kuzmar, M. Jelski, D. Amrhein, J. Yeo, Row 2: Manager M. Mazur, K. McMahon, M. McGrath, P. Hasselbring, R. Mendoza, L. Plawecki, T. Stacy, Row 3: J. Kuechenberg, R. Dargewich, T. Burkman, C. Kuechenberg, Coach Mazur





Left, the team discusses the match, as Rick Mendoza shows a strong follow through as he returns the ball to his opponent.

Above, Kevin McMahon shows his strength in his serve, as Dave Amrhein is finessing a soft shot for the point.

Above, Brian Gifford uses his killer forehand to score the point. Right, Josh Kuechenberg perfects his backhand.



Soccer

Tauber Named First Team All Conference

• *Trojans Miss Upperclassman Dominance*

Coming off a good season from last year, the boys soccer team had high hopes for this season. Although they did not make it to regionals again, the guys had a great season. The Trojans ended their season with a record of 11-6-1.

Losing nine seniors and prominent players, the team had to look to the few upperclassmen for team dominance. Seniors this season were Zach Condes, Eric Kekeis, Mike Paganelli, T. J. Mucha, Don Maicher, and Nick Peters. The juniors this season were Adam Holguin, Matt Wojnicz, Eric Fisher, Matt Heffernan, Ken Blair, and Brandon Tauber, Mike Pepelea.

Winning the major awards this season were junior Brandon Tauber for

Most Valuable, junior Ken Blair for Most Improved, and senior Eric Kekeis for Mental Attitude.

Along with the major award honors, some of the guys were awarded with Lake 10 All-Conference honors. These guys included senior Eric Kekeis and junior Brandon Tauber for first team All-Conference honors. Sophomore Mike Barsic, senior Zach Condes, and junior Matt Heffernan received All-Conference honorable mentions.

"Although we did not make it as far as in past seasons, I think we showed persistence and team effort. With the loss of so many seniors we were almost like a whole new team," stated senior player Zach Condes.

• Molly Jones



Varsity Soccer: Row 1: A. Hill, J. Tauber, A. Holguin, M. Wojnicz, J. Bazarko, M. Pepelea, Row 2: Coach Hankins, M. Barsic, T. Fistrovich, E. Kekeis, M. Paganelli, Z. Condes, T. Mucha, Row 3: J. Angyus, D. Maicher, B. Tauber, K. Blair, E. Hylek, M. Heffernan, E. Fisher, N. Peters

JV Soccer: Row 1: Z. Galic, A. Franz, A. Smith, J. O'Connor, T. Barsic, J. Hedrick, Row 2: S. Paganelli, T. Fistrovich, S. Howe, A. Hill, M. Pepelea, Row 3: Coach Mark Tanis, C. Anderson, T. St. Aubyn, E. Hylek, J. Bazarko, M. Dills





Left, senior Nick Peters prepares to dribble past his opponent. Nick Peters was one of the strong defensive men for the Trojans this season. Left, Coach Scott Hankins watches the game as the Trojan soccer team dominates the game.

Left, Junior Brandon Tauber takes direct kick to put the ball back in play. Brandon was voted the Most Valuable Player this season. Below, sophomore Mike Pepelea prepares to maneuver around his opponent to steal the ball.



Below, junior Ken Blair kicks the ball into play after making another great save. Ken played goalie for the Trojans this season. Below, senior Zach Condes gets up after taking down his opponent. Zach was an honorable mention for All-Conference honors.



Lady Trojans Match Munster in Victory

• Julie Turich leads team with hat trick

This year's girls soccer team was a completely different team than seen in their past two seasons. They proved to everyone that they wouldn't give up without a fight.

The record for the Lady Trojans this season was 5-8-2. Although, their record doesn't show an improvement, their talent and hard work did. "Last season we would have lost to some of these teams by five or six, but this season we held them to within one or two," stated senior player Kelly Dudash.

Some memorable games for the ladies this season were the Portage game, the Lake Central game, and the Munster game. The girls', who had never beaten Portage before, stunned themselves and everyone else by beating Portage 3-1. Another big game was the L.C. game. Although they did not

win this game, they only lost by two. "Although we lost, the whole team felt it was a win because in past seasons we never came within five of them and we knew that we played our best," stated senior captain Melissa St. Aubyn.

"Another big win for us was defeating Munster. They're our biggest rivals and after they beat us earlier in the season at home it felt great to beat them on their turf," stated sophomore Leanne Barney.

This season the team was led by seniors Melissa St. Aubyn, Kelly Dudash, Deanna Herrin, Molly Jones, and Missy Kaniuk. Juniors Sara Bach, Tiffany Wojono, Christina Helmer, Lisa Anderson and Kara Blahnik also led to the success of the team. The sophomores and the one freshman helped team a great deal, also.

• Molly Jones



Varsity Soccer Row 1: L. Barney, M. Campbell, J. Stapke, M. Kaniuk, T. Wojono, J. Turich, Row 2: A. Howard, J. Wagoner, J. Smith, C. Pinosko, D. Herrin, L. Anderson, Coach Huppenthal, Row 3: J. Slupczynski, M. St. Aubyn, K. Dudash, K. Helmer, M. Jones, K. Blahnik, S. Bach

JV Soccer Row 1: J. McFarlane, M. Kessler, A. Sinder, J. Kruger, R. Murphy, M. Orr, Row 2: M. Timm, R. Wallner, L. Hall, C. Stout, A. Caldern, T. Tuskan, A. Smith, Row 3: T. Dominguez, R. Molina, Coach O'Rourke, S. White, J. Paswinski





Left, the team huddles to talk about the game, while Staci White, left, dribbles ahead of her opponent. The coaches, left, watch as the game gets intense.

Megan Orr fights for control of the ball, while Adrienne Smith prepares to steal it. Kelly Dudash kicks the ball into play. Julie Turich takes down her opponent.

X-Country

Lake 10 Conference is victory for X-C girls

• *Bluethmann, Reyes : Boys 2nd Team All-Conference*

At the beginning of the season, the goal of the boys and girls cross country team was to beat Bishop Noll. Although the boys worked hard, they did not reach this goal, but the girls surpassed their limitations.

At the Lake 10 Conference, Angie Zemen pulled ahead and placed third. Four other girl runners placed in the Top 10, giving the Highland girls the Conference victory. The girls' team also placed well in the Highland Invite.

The girls' team advanced to Sectionals, Regionals, and eventually took 10th place at Semi-state. Greg Bluethmann and Hondo Reyes took Second-Team All-Conference for the boys' team.

Every team member offered their effort and support. Junior Michele Simala, the team's Co-Captain, agrees with the team's Captain, Senior Jen Tom that although their were hard times, support and teamwork is what made the 1996 season so successful.

The team also had a lot of support from the coaches, who had a great time with their outstanding teams. Sophomore Teresa Gagne reminisces about the season: "People think that cross-country is boring, but with the help of 'PESI' and 'The Train,' we survived! Junior Hondo Reyes acknowledged that is was a rough year, but everyone had fun.

•Shannon Gogolak



Top row: Greg Nieckula, Greg Bluethmann, Coach Summers, Tony Summers, Chris Geiser. Bottom row: Hondo Reyes, Tony Reyes, Robert Ritz, and Doug Mesman.

Top: A. Peters, J. Gober, A. Zemen, K. Ortiz, D. Ramirez, Coach Steele. Middle: K. Johnson, M. Barczak, T. Gagne, D. Ramirez. Bottom: J. Tom, N. Anast, T. Gagne, N. Sandoval, S. Keith.





Far left: the girls' team won't start a race without a good-luck huddle; and Angie Zemen leads a run out.

Top: Jelena Gober concentrates while Greg Blue gives a pep talk to Hondo Reyes and Bob Ritz finishes a race.

WINTER SPORTS

Chad Janik, Frank Tokoly Lead Team

Noll Victory Highlights Season Third in Lake Ten Conference

This year the guys' basketball team showed a lot of hard work and determination. They ended their season with a record of 10-11, and they were third in the Lake Ten Conference.

This year's basketball team consisted of only three seniors, Frank Tokoly, Jeremy Cash, and Dave Hamstra. Although the team seemed young and inexperienced, they proved to have a lot of potential.

A big win for the Trojans this season was against their biggest rival, Bishop Noll. "I feel that the win against Bishop Noll was a big accomplishment for our team, and it was a turning point in our season. They have always been a tough team to beat, so it felt good to beat them in overtime," stated junior Chad Janik.

This season individual honors were given to junior Chad Janik for the Most Valuable, senior Frank Tokoly for Mental Attitude, and junior Brandon Tauber for the Most Improved. Junior Chad Janik and senior Frank Tokoly were also awarded with all-conference honors. Chad was awarded with first team all-conference honors and Frank was an honorable mention.

"This was an extremely hard working group that never quit believing that they could win," commented head coach Mike Urban about this season.

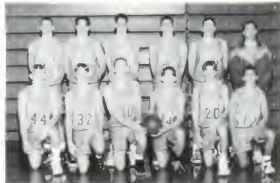
•Molly Jones

Below, the team gets warmed up for another Highland victory. Right, junior Ken Blair strips the ball from his opponent.



JV Basketball: Row 1: D. Nimetz, M. Guilfoyle, J. Paulauski, K. Boyd, M. Peplea, Row 2: R. Kemp, K. Blair, T. St. Aubyn, B. Cook, D. Demuth, Coach Brian Elston

Varsity Basketball: Row 1: M. Wojnicz, M. Laciak, B. Tauber, D. Hamstra, J. Cash, J. Kisse, Row 2: J. Paulauski, C. Janik, F. Tokoly, B. Cook, R. Kemp, K. Blair, Row 3: Manager K. Brakley, Assistant Coach Doug McCallister, Head Coach Mike Urban, Assistant Coach Brian Elston, Freshman Coach Steve Edwards, Manager T. Thelen





Above, junior Matt Wojnicz dribbles the ball down court, as, left, sophomore Ryan Kemp prepares to pass the ball over his opponent.

Above, junior Chad Janik jumps above his opponent to block the shot, as sophomore Mark Laciak makes a backdoor pass to his teammate.

WINTER SPORTS

Kaczka, Stirling, Seidl Lead Lady Trojans

After coming off an outstanding season, the girl's basketball team didn't know what to expect. They ended last season with a record of 12-8. They not only improved their record this season, but they overcame many other accomplishments.

The Lady Trojans finished this season with a record of 17-4. They were 9-0 in the Lake Ten Conference and they repeated as Lake Ten champs. Although they did not win sectionals, they won two sectional games which was a major accomplishment for them.

"The most memorable game for me was the Crown Point game. Last season we lost to Crown Point by 46. This season we only lost by 1, and we had a chance to win it with a shot we missed at the buzzer," stated senior player Melanie Laciak.

For the Lady Trojans this has

been a season of firsts. For the first time they won the Portage tourney. After beating Portage, they went on to play Lew Wallace in the championship game and prevailed.

Another first for the Lady Trojans was beating Munster two times in Munster. "I've always felt that Munster was our biggest rival, and it felt good to beat them twice on their floor," stated senior player Erin Seidl.

Four players were honored with special awards this season. Receiving 1st Team All-Conference this season were Erin Seidl, Jennifer Kaczka and April Stirling. Honorable Mention went to Angie Zieman.

Wrapping up the season Coach Huppenthal stated, "This is the most competitive group of kids I've ever been around."

• Molly Jones

Girls Basketball Rips Through Great Season; 9 - 0 Conference Season Lake 10 Champs



Varsity Basketball: Row 1: A. Stirling, M. Laciak, K. Berea, C. Piroso, Row 2: A. Zemen, K. Thompson, L. Jelski, E. Seidl, A. Warren, Manager E. Perez, Row 3: Head Coach Chris Huppenthal, A. Hanchar, J. Kaczka, M. Austin, Assistant Coach Donna Scheidt

JV Basketball: Row 1: T. Jerkins, T. Tuskan, P. Dettlerline, M. Romano, L. Huneryager, Row 2: J. Wagoner, J. Smith, M. Simala, L. Barney, Row 3: A. Lundy, L. Chappell, R. Molina, Coach Sue Lamere





Left, Coach Huppenthal gives the team a pep talk. Senior Erin Seidl, left, works hard to fend off her opponent, while junior Kelly Thompson makes a quick pass.

Sophomore Laura Jelski works hard to shoot around her opponent. Senior Melanie Laciak dribbles down court, as Jen Kaczka goes up for the jump shot.



WINTER SPORTS

Gouwens & Gober Lead Tank Teams

Swimming, Diving Both Win Second In Sectionals; On To State

The boys swimming and diving team had a great season this year. They finished off the season with a record of 10-4 and they were second in their sectional. They also placed 23rd in the state.

The teams' success in their sectional was due mainly to the sectional champions; freshmen Mike Bouvat, junior Matt Gouwens, freshmen Mike Tothfalusi, junior Tim Vanderbilt, and junior Brian Zelenke.

Along with sectional victories, the team also had a number of swimmers and divers place in state. These guys included Mike Bouvat, Jake Drlich, Matt Gouwens, Tim Vanderbilt, Mike Tothfalusi, Brian Zelenke, and Brian Kendzierski.

•Molly Jones

The girls swimming and diving team finished off their season with a record of 9-6. Along with the boys, they were also second in their sectional.

Many of the girls this season competed at the state finals. These girls included: freshmen Jelena Gober-100 fly and medley relay, freshmen Nikki Seidl-medley relay, senior Reagan Wallner-medley relay, freshmen Megan Zencian-medley relay, and junior Kim Johnson-diving.

Winning the major awards this season were freshmen Jelena Gober for the Most Valuable, senior Reagan Wallner for the Mental Attitude award, and freshmen Megan Zencian for the Most Improved award.

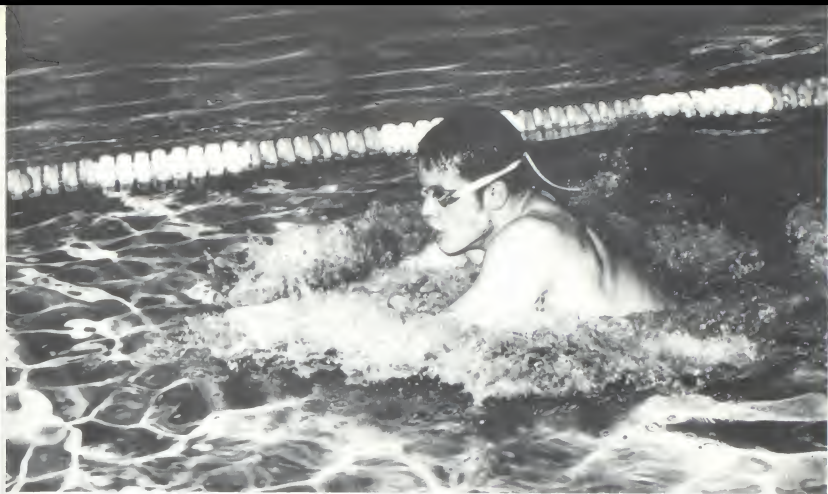
•Molly Jones



Boys' Swimming: Row 1: M. Tothfalusi, D. Bolda, T. Fistrovich, J. Bazarko, N. Rohling, M. Gouwens, T. Vanderbilt, Row 2: K. Roche, T. Summers, A. William, B. Zelenke, B. Kendzierski, M. Uline, M. Bouvat, J. Drlich, D. Lewis, Row 3: Coach Toweson, Coach Reef, Coach Bredemeier, Coach Kutscher, Coach O'Keefe

Girls' Swimming: Row 1: Coach Reef, T. Csanyi, S. Scubetek, S. Shaginaw, N. Seidl, T. Gagne, C. Ziemiak, Row 2: Coach Toweson, M. Snowdon, M. Grau, S. Metzger, K. Ortiz, J. Tom, J. Gober, K. Johnson, Row 3: Coach Bredemeier, M. Nikula, J. Sazawa, J. Spranis, G. Fandrei, J. Pagar, M. Zencian, S. Bruner, L. Davies, E. Cowke, Row 4: Coach Kutscher, Coach O'Keefe, M. Uline, S. Kerr, K. Johnson, E. Bouvat, S. Kemp, M. Marx, T. Powell, K. Kohler





Left, the team cheers their teammates on during a relay. Left, senior Shannon Kemp prepares to dive during a meet. Above, Matt Gouwens shows his form in his breaststroke. Above, Mike Bouvat dives in to begin the race, as, right, a Highland girls' swimmer is almost finished with her race. Right, Tim Vanderbilt has another perfect dive.

WINTER SPORTS

South, Killian, Mancilla try something new

*Cheerleaders jump into
new competition squad
Great America, Purdue,
Valpo are success*

Cheerleading for the 96-97 school year took on a whole new perspective. For the first time, the Highland cheerleaders held a private summer camp. Collegiate cheerleaders came to teach a new list of cheers and dances.

Also on the list of firsts, the junior varsity and varsity squads combined to form a competition squad. They competed at Great America in the summer and at Purdue Calumet and Valparaiso University in March.

Also, the cheerleaders held a girls' cheerleading camp for grades K through eight. The elementary girls learned the high school cheers and cheered for a quarter of a home football game.

The third annual fashion show also took place in March. The cheerleaders took on the catwalk and showed off the latest spring fashions and prom dresses, while their dates modeled tuxedos.

•Mai Lei Naglich, Shannon Gogolak



Varsity Cheerleaders: (Top) Beth Lomax, Sara Reynolds, Becky Roche; (Bottom) Laura Miloshoff, Sara Bodley, Shannon Kemp, Michelle Stacey, Mai Lei Naglich

JV Cheerleaders: (Top) Jenny Lannon, Elizabeth Galiher, Kristen Beard, Brianne Oliver; (Bottom) Melissa Boersma, Coach Killian, Becka Halls, Tracey Sietsma





Below: Brianne, Sara, Shannon, and Dana pass out Homecoming balloons.

Jenny Lannon has Dave Duke all tied up with toilet paper, and Tracey Sietsma works the crowd.



WINTER SPORTS

Jason Allison, Ryan Campbell to STATE

An unpredictable season turned into an unforgettable season. The Highland Grapplers fought hard to overcome many obstacles along the way and proved that nothing could stop them.

"These men had a goal, and nothing was going to stop them. All season their thoughts were centered on being the Sectional and Regional champs. To their credit, they didn't let anything outside of wrestling destroy their focus or break their concentration," stated Coach Augustin.

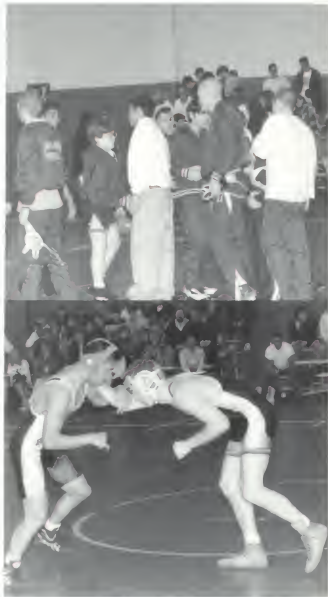
The matmen ended their season with a record of 24-10, finishing third in the Lake Ten Conference. This year's wrestlers accomplished many goals. They placed first in the Highland Invite and in the Highland Sectional.

Also, the guys received first in the Highland Team Regional. Next, they went on to place second in the Valpo Team Regional.

Along with team honors, individual wrestlers received special awards. Junior Jason Allison received the Most Valuable award, senior Jose Calderon received the Mental Attitude award, and senior Ryan Campbell received the Most Improved award. Along with receiving major awards, Jason Allison and Ryan Campbell were state qualifiers.

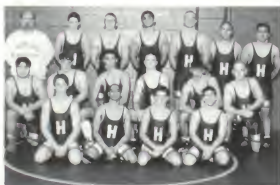
To sum up the season Coach Poynter stated, "This group of boys had a lot of heart and refused to give up. The accomplishments we had are a direct reflection of their hard work."

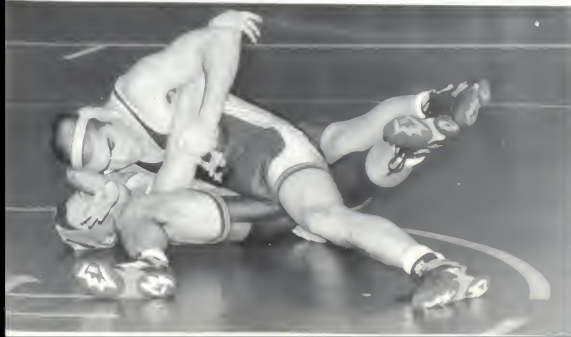
• Molly Jones



Varsity Wrestling: Row 1: D. Mesman, M. Smith, C. Gifford, B. Roe, Row 2: T. DeLa Cruz, J. Sturges, R. Arnold, T. Evilsizor, T. Elder, N. Peters, Row 3: Coach Curt Augustin, J. Emslander, J. Allison, J. Booker, R. Campbell, M. Fuentes, J. Calderon

J.V. Wrestling: Row 1: M. Jones, E. Goulden, D. Rosales, J. O'Conner, B. Barnes, M. Tomelczak, R. Messmann, Row 2: Coach Robinson, J. Johnson, C. Bush, M. Hussey, R. Hayne, B. Lahe, B. Gresson, Row 3: C. Hejmej, M. Gallagher, C. Anderson, R. Fuller, T. Bilotto, Coach Escobedo, Row 4: T. Benda, J. DeLa Paz, D. Rutell, J. Stephen, B. Lyon, N. Rosenbaum





Wasting no time, left, junior Bob Roe works to pin his man as fast as possible. Junior Jason Allison goes in for the kill. The team shake hands after a tough match.

Above, senior Nick Peters prepares to get another win for the Grapplers, while senior Ryan Campbell awaits the referee's signal to begin.

Above, junior Tony DeLa Cruz wastes no time in wearing his opponent out. Left, senior Jim Booker goes straight for the pin against Bishop Neill.

Baseball

Miller's Men March Through Strong Season

Pistilli, Cabrera, Egan, Duke, Kuechenberg Lead Attack

The baseball team started their season out rough, after losing more than half of their team this year. Once again though, the baseball team proved that they would not be shut out. Joining the coaching staff this year was Assistant Coach Dave Bedka.

Leading the might trojan men this year were the returning seniors, including: Dave Duke, Vince Pistilli, Dan Egan, Frank Tokoly, Gabe Cabrera, Mark Jones, and Josh Kuechenberg.

Joining the ranks of varsity team were a lot of talented juniors who helped in winning the games. These players include: Dave Amrhein, Matt Wojnicz, Jimmy Kissee, Joe Stanisz, Matt Miller, Tim Staci, Kevin McMahon, and Josh Waldron.

Together, Coach Miller and Coach Bedka put together a very successful team.

"We might have struggled in the beginning, but I think that we got things together in time to win Conference. It was a good team effort that got us as far as we came," stated Coach Dan Miller.

Highland had to overcome many challenging teams early in the season. Two of these teams were Munster and Portage. A few losses were well played games that were lost in the last inning, often by just one run.

Two very successful games that stand out this year were played against Bishop Noll and Clark. The game against Bishop Noll was the game with the most runs, ending in a 12-10 victory.

Great pitching efforts went out to Dave Duke and Vince Pistilli.

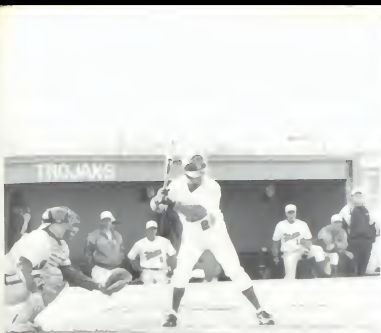
• Shawna Pitts



Varsity Baseball: Row 1: M. Wojnicz, R. Bajda, G. Cabrera, K. McMahon, D. Amrhein, T. Stacy, Row 2: D. Egan, M. Miller, D. Bedka, D. Miller, Row 3: J. Kissee, J. Waldron, M. Jones, D. Duke, J. Kuechenberg, V. Pistilli, J. Stanisz.

JV Baseball: M. Pepla, R. Manno, B. Spitzer, N. Horn, D. Messman, Row 2: M. Laciak, R. Mendoza, S. Bodley, C. Zalewski, B. Lomax, J. Such, Row 5: Coach Edwards, R. Dixon, J. Staniszeski, K. Boyd, D. Demuth, K. Egan.





Right, top, Junior Matt Miller gets ready to hit a double against Griffith. Below, Coach Miller watches to see his team play their best as Conference approaches.

Top, right, Matt Wojnicz slides in just enough time to tie the score with Bishop Noll. To the right, Vince Pistilli throws the winning pitch, as he strikes out the opposing team.

Softball

Bedka, Menke Lead Young Team

Season becomes one of learning, strong effort

As with every high school team, years change as players develop into proficient players--and then graduate.

This has been the kind of year Coach Bartlett had, even with Pam Bedka, Erika Swanson, Maggie Menke, Lisa Davies and others on the squad.

Nikki Papalambros, JoEllen Pavnicka, Julie Smith and Jennie Stapke also added to the team, but up against some of the region's powerhouses, the win and loss record was not the best.

Other coaches who helped the team were Coach Bedka and Coach Stapke. They helped the girls with a lot of basics and understanding the game, and also were part of a lot of determined and hard-working practice sessions.

Playing against powerhouse like Lake Central and Portage, the team played well. Against state-ranked Portage the team almost scored an upset, losing by one run.

The Highland girls softball program always does well, and with the heart shown by this year's team, there is promise for an even better season in the 1998 spring program.



Right, sophomore Jenny Stapke takes her position on the field, as junior Valerie Padilla goes into her windup.

Varsity Softball: Row 1: V. Padilla, M. Menke, J. Stapke, L. Barney, E. Swanson, N. Papalombros, Row 2: N. Figlio, C. Piroosko, J. Smith, L. Davies, J. Smolnar, Row 3: J. Pavnicka, Coach Cathy, Coach Bartlett, Coach Stapke, Coach Bedka, P. Bedka

JV Softball: Row 1: L. Tucker, C. Porter, Coach Cathy, C. Stout, J. Turich, Row 2: S. Walzyak, N. Beger, J. Shelton, J. Wagoner, S. Bruner





Above, sophomore Maggie Menke and catcher sophomore Nicole Figlio discuss the game with their coach. Right, sophomore Leanne Barney prepares to sacrifice bunt to advance the base runners. Right, sophomore Julie Smith catches an opponent in a rundown.

Tennis

Ladies Nab 2nd in Conference Finals

Wins Over Portage, Lake Central, Griffith, Noll, Clark

The Highland tennis troops marched off the courts with a 9-5 overall record this season. The army occupied nearly forty players, with twenty two freshmen,

The varsity lineup consisted of four returning lettermen: Reagan Wallner, #1 Singles; Kelly Berea, #2; Dana Culic, #3, dominated the solo spots, while the doubles positions were filled by Juli Beanblossom and Kristin Aros at #1 and Melissa Gray and Kelly Weyer at #2. The team finished second behind State-ranked Munster in the Lake Ten Conference, with a final conference record of 6-1.

The Junior Varsity team placed second in the Merrillville J.V. Tourna-

ment. The team was led by juniors April Stirling, Gretchen Schu, and Sara Soto at Singles.

"The team worked very hard this season and got a lot accomplished," say a fourth-year coach, Jennifer Zabrecky.

The Lady Trojans won tough matches this season against Lake Central, Bishop Noll, Hobart, Griffith, and other Lake 10 area teams; however, the girls suffered tough losses to Valparaiso, Chesterton, and Munster.

"Senior faces have come and gone in the years, and now it is our time to leave the courts here forever".

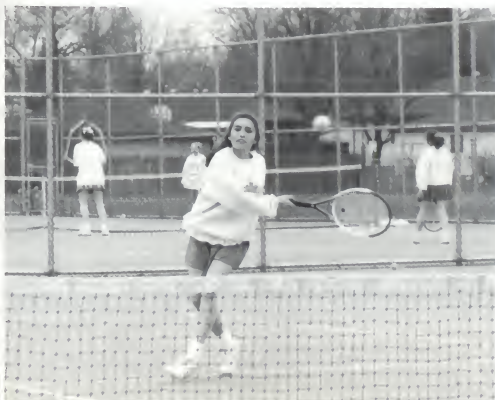
Melissa Gray and Dana Culic

Below, junior Kristen Aros watches as April Stirling serves the ball. Right, senior Dana Culic serves the ball.



Right, senior Melissa Gray goes up to the net for a volley in a match.





Above, junior April Stirling prepares to serve in an intense match. Above, senior Reagan Wallner is charging the net. Left, sophomore Megan Crosby uses her forehand to hit the ball. Above, junior Kelly Berea reaches for the ball.

Track & Field

Girls Take 2nd in Lake Ten Conference

Team Effort Makes This Season A Memorable One

Highland's girls track team ended the year just as great as they began it. Coaches Rosebaum, Steele and Valiska were thrilled with the growing number of girls joining the team this season.

At the start of their season in February, the team knew they would have a good year. Indoor season provided a great opportunity for the girls to get ready for the competition. The girls ran into their season well prepared and were ready to endure everything.

As a team, the girls took Second at Conference. They competed through the traditional pouring rain at the Highland Invite and scored well.

The girls breezed through Sectionals at Calumet High School. Tera Gagne, Dana Herman, Dani Ramirez,

and Angela Zemen qualified for Regionals in the 4x8 Relay while Robyn Bognar, Courtney Margraf, Dani Ramirez, Jill Slupczynski qualified for Regionals in the 4x4 Relay. Senior Robyn Bognar also qualified for Regionals in the 400 Dash and in long jump. Though everyone on the team put forth their best effort, there were no athletes eligible to compete at the State competition.

This team worked together as a family escalating the hopes and dreams of the coaches for this season and next season. Sophomore Angela Zemen is also looking forward to next year because this year was so fun for her as it was for the rest of the team.

• Shannon Gogolak & Denise Walters



1. Coach Valiska, E. Peterson, M. St. Aubyn, A. Hanchar, R. Bognar, A. Lundy, A. Zemen, E. Seidl, D. Herrin, C. Jonkman, C. Kulayk, Coach Rosenbaum. 2. S. Walter, M. Simala, E. Cooke, S. White, D. Herman, L. Gogolak, T. Jergins, T. Tuskan, L. Van Prooyen, S. Thusey, S. Kieth, J. Gober, T. Gagne, M. Campbell, N. Sandoval, J. Tom, M. Tamm. 4. D. Ramirez, Smith, S. Gogolak, Ramirez, T. Gagne, C. Margraf, and J. Rosanski.

1. D. Nemetz, D. Breckner, D. Maicher, T. St. Aubyn, B. Lyon, B. Tauber, Coach Summers. 2. L. Natelbourg, I. Mucha, F. Sturges, T. Summers, G. Bluetmann, B. Waldron, D. Pavonica, S. K. Osban, M. Kloczek, R. Ritz, T. Vanderbilt, J. Bazarzo, T. Elder, B. Claessens, 4. T. Reyes, A. Reyes, T. Fistrovich, J. Sturges, F. Garcia, M. Tofolousi



Left: Terry Jergins and Courtney Margraf hand-off while Debbie Wisniewski hurdles down the track.



Track *and* Field

BOYS

The boys track team struggled during many of their meets this year, but many of them held personal triumphs. Senior Don Maicher gave his all this year as he competed in the 400 Dash at Sectionals, which qualified him for Regionals.

The boys team started out with many new faces this year for Coach Summers and Coach Reef to work with. The boys team is losing many excellent senior runners after graduation, so this new installment will help balance out for next years track season.

The senior members: Don Maicher, T.J. Mucha, Frank Sturges, Greg Bluethmann, Tony Elder, and Brian Claesgens will be missed at end of the track season.

•Denise Walters, Shannon Gogolak

Top left: Senior Brian Claesgens finishes a throwand Junior Brandon Tauber finishes his race strong.

Left: Senior Greg Bluethman leads the pack, and below, Freshman Tony Reyes paces himself during his relay.



Right: Sophomore Teresa Gagne concentrates on the hurdles during her 300LH event. Below: Senior Chris Geiser rounds a curve after landing his jump over a hurdle.

Right: Sophomore Stephanie Keith paces herself ahead of the group during her specialty race, the 800 MR. Injury held Steph back a bit, but her determination showed through.



Coach John Steele talks with freshmen Frank Garcia and Jason Bonin to confirm times after the two athletes had finished their race. Frank and Jason are two freshmen who show promising potential in their abilities.



FORE

• Teed Off and at Par!

Taking third in their conference this year, the golf team showed their competitors a real challenge.

Seniorteam leaders Elijah Moss and Phil Harreld proved to be the strength of the team. Both returned as lettermen from last year. Elijah Moss kept consistent with a 41 average in the Conference and 41 in the regular season.

In Conference, Varsity members, Phil Herralld and Mike Banas made Second Team All Conference and Elijah Moss became part of the First Team All Conference.

Coach Richardson, Elijah Moss, and Phil Harreld definitely led the team this year. It seems the future leaders are Dan Lewis and Derrick Hooegeveen.

•Shannon Gogolak, Denise Walters



L to R: Mike Mis, Mike Banas, Phil Harreld, Brian Brownnewell, Elijah Moss, Coach Richardson. Bottom: Derrick Hooegeveen, and Danny Lewis.

Above: Senior Phil Harreld advances the ball from the fairway and Junior Mike Banas takes a practice putt. Right: Senior Eli Moss was a strong leader this year.



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Recognizing Highland's Top Athletes



Varsity wrestling won the Highland Regionals this year. The team consisted of; J. Allison, R. Arnold, J. Booker, S. Williams, R. Campbell, B. Lane, D. Mesman, C. Kirincic, t. Del La Cruz, B. Roe, J. Calderon, R. Messmann, and Coach Augustin



Fall sports winners; Ken Blair, Alex Evon, Ryan Campbell, Ed Hoolehan, Brandon Tauber, Becki Roche, Sara Bodley, Laura Miloshoff, and Eric Kekeis.



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— Highland —

Skating To Victory

Hockey Club

This year the Highland Hockey Club finished in 4th place. With the support of the coaches, parents, and many experienced players, the team traveled from Darien, IL to Fort Wayne, IN.

This year's team captain was junior Mike Mis. Major awards went to Mike Mis for MVP, Matt Johnson and Ryan Bates for Mental Attitude, Jim Randall for Sportsmanship, and Danny Jackson, Rookie of the Year.

Credit should also be given to junior Jen Jackson. She's not just the only girl on the team, but in the league as well. This is Jen's second year in the club.

Coaching this year's club was Dennis Jackson, and assistants Tom Warren and Don Hilegonds.

• Deanna Crum

After a hard game, the Highland Hockey Club skate off the ice towards the locker room.

Steve Caddick, Jim Randall, and Danny Jackson anxiously await to skate on the ice, and defeat Marion.



Highland Hockey Club (top row) M. Mis, D. Jackson, J. Rose, M. Grove, R. Bates, M. Jusko, (bottom row) T. Seliger, S. Sharp, T. Bilotto, J. Jackson, S. Caddick, A. Hill, J. Randall.

Memorable Season for Seniors

Grapplers look forward to promising future

1996-97 Year in Review

24-10.....win-loss record

1st at Highland Invite

1st in Highland Sectional

1st in Highland Team Regional

2nd at the LaPorte Invite

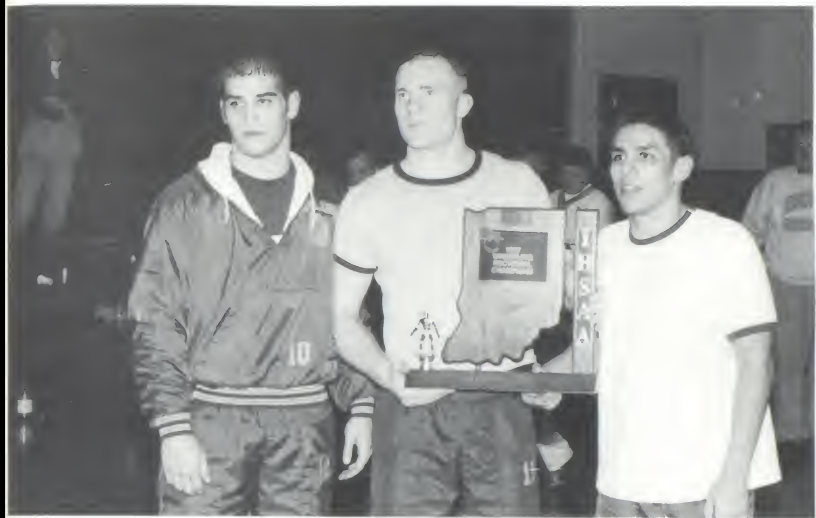
2nd in Valpo Team Semi-State

3rd in Lake Ten Conference

6th at Valpo Super Duals

9th at Calumet Traicoff Memorial Tournament





Seniors

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The "girls" sit on the stoop of the florist shop as Audrey, Erin Crosby, sings all of her frustrations out to the audience.

Wino Suzanne Hanifi relaxes on a street bench in Skid Row, while Dentist Justin Poe stands and looks off with complete power



Little Shop of Horrors

Spring Musical features a Man Eating Plant

Closing the Twenty Second season of Highland Theatre Company was a musical that combined humor and drama, a dangerous mix that isn't always easy to pull off. However, it happened. Many hours of hard work were devoted to the smash hit *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Matt Courtright, junior and veteran of HTC, starred as botanical wonder Seymore Krelbourne, who wants nothing in life but respect (and his co-worker Audrey). Erin Crosby, junior, portrayed Audrey, who's mistreated in life. The two are employed by Mrs. Mushnik, freshman Tiffany Weinrich, at her flower shop on Skid Row. Audrey's boyfriend, Orin, Justin Poe, is cruel to everyone. So, when the strange plant that Seymore grows craves human blood, who better to feed it than Orin. Throw in some Doo-Wop girls and a chorus and it's a show like no other!

The season was dedicated to avid thespian Jeff Dancho, who was a member who struggled with a fatal form of leukemia. In Jeff's honor, HTC collected money throughout the year and earned a handsome check of \$1200 to donate to the Make a Wish Foundation. He is dearly remembered and loved by everyone.

•Diane Rhein

Seymore, Matt Courtright, succumbsto the plants wishes as the Dentist, Justin Poe, sings with Doo-Wop Kristen Hall. The cast had a great run of performances.



Softball

Bedka, Menke Lead Young Team

Season becomes one of learning, strong effort

This year's Prom was once again held at Villa Cesare, but with a whole new twist. The hall had a large city scape scene surrounded by silver and iridescent balloons. Hold On to the Night was the magical song that everyone danced the night to.

The Prom Court consisted of, Dave Amrhein, Sabrina Pratt, Matt Gouwens, Beth Lomax, King Chad Janik, Kara Blahnik, Matt Johnson, Brianne Oliver, Ryan Arnold, and Queen

Kristy Lopez. Durring the King and Queen's dance the balloon drop once again had difficulty opening and fell to the ground. This, however, did not ruin the moment.

During dinner, many table groups could be seen playing hot potato while eating their meal. After dinner many people were seen getting their traditoinal group shots. Garters and bow ties were once again the popular props for group shots.

During the night many

people could be seen cutting the rug on the dance floor and enjoying the night with their date and friends.

Although Prom is over, many of us will still hold on to the night for the rest of our lives.

•Shawna Pitts,Tasos Katopodis

Tommy Mayer shows off his rhythm on the dance floor. Chad Janik and Kristy Lopez were named King and Queen of the Prom.



1997's Junior Prom Court; Matt Gouwens, Beth Lomax, Ryan Arnold, Queen Kristy Lopez, Dave Amrhein, Sabrina Pratt, Matt Johnson, Brianne Oliver, King Chad Janik, and Kara Blahnik.





Left; Reagan Wallner and Evie Bouvat got down on the dance floor. Top right; The Spirit of Chicago was a popular post-prom activity.

Nicole Swan, Jessica Chapin, Stephanie Bradley, Erica Ribicki, and Jen Jackson pose for pre-prom pics. Kelly Berea breaks from dancing.



Scenes from Graduation Day, 1997, show the emotion, the joy, and the feeling of accomplishment which are all part of the Class of '97.



Graduation

Erin Seidl, Nicholas
Negovetich lead class

"Dream For Tomorrow"



Valedictorian Erin Seidl, joined by Salutatorian Nicholas Negovetich, led the Class of 1997 into the future in graduation ceremonies June 8.

With the ceremony held in the field house because of renovation to the track, Dr. Renner Ventling presented the graduates to Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright. Members of the Board of School Trustees then took turns handing out diplomas. This was Dr. Ventling's last HHS graduation, since he is moving to the administration office. It was also Dr. Cartwright's last graduation before his retirement June 30.

Other members of the Academic Top Ten of this class are: Christopher Calderon, Erin Kahn, Angela Ventling, Melissa St. Aubyn, Sharon Chiang, Nadine Lesiowski, Theresa Furman and Robyn Bognar.

As sounds of *Pomp and Circumstance* faded to sounds of the recessional, members of the Class of 1997 marched off toward their own futures and the rest of their lives.

Valedictorian Erin Seidl and Salutatorian Nicholas Negovetich represented the best of the Class of '97.

Two empty chairs marked the honorary diplomas of Mike Labus and Jeff Dancho, honored members of this class.





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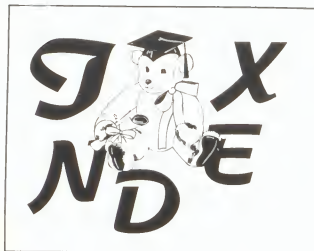
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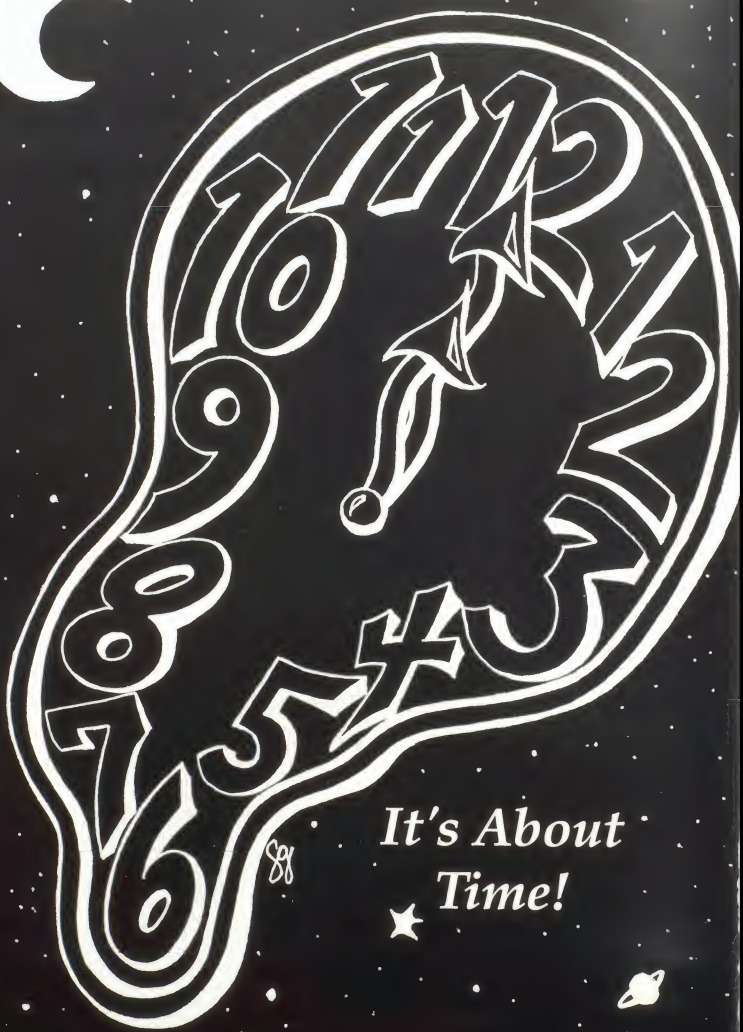
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